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UK DROPS NUCLEAR BOMB

Explosion High Over Pacific

RELATIVELY 'CLEAN' WEAPON

London, Apr. 28.

A British nuclear device—assumed to be a Hydrogen bomb — was exploded successfully high over the Central Pacific today.

A statement from the Ministry of Supply tonight, announcing this, said that early indications were that the fall-out would "again be negligible."

The Ministry would not confirm that it was an explosion in the megaton range but observers thought there was no doubt that it was.

The belief was that Britain had tested a reliable, fairly cheap and relatively "clean" Hydrogen weapon.

The Fifth

If so, it was Britain's fifth hydrogen bomb explosion within about 12 months in the Christmas Island area of the Pacific.

A Ministry statement said: "The Minister of Supply, Mr Aubrey Jones, has received a report from Air Vice-Marshal John Grandy, Task Force Commander, Christmas Island, that a British nuclear device was successfully exploded at a high altitude over the Central Pacific today.

"The scientific measurements are being collected for accurate evaluation.

"Early indications are that fall out will again be negligible."

Foreshadowed

The explosion was foreshadowed last week by a warning to shipping from the British Admiralty.

This said that from April 25, a 37,000-square mile area of the Pacific would be dangerous to shipping because of a test of a British nuclear weapon.

Last year, Britain set off four hydrogen bombs in the Christmas Island area.

The aircraft which dropped the bomb was a white-painted Royal Air Force Valiant.

Fall-out tests were immediately made by high-flying Canberra aircraft, using special equipment.

Nuclear Silence

By exploding the weapon, Britain became the first country to break the "nuclear silence" since the Russian decision to terminate Hydrogen and Atomic weapon tests. Today's explosion came 28 days after the Supreme Soviet adopted a resolution on this unilateral termination of tests.

The Russian announcement expressed the hope that "the parliaments of other states possessing atomic and hydrogen weapons will do everything to terminate test explosions of these weapons by their countries as well."

None of the Valiant's crew had flown on any of the previous Christmas Island tests, it was learned at the Air Ministry tonight.

They were protected from the glare by special steel window shields and their aircraft was painted white to deflect the heat. —Reuter.

US TESTS ON FRIDAY

Washington, Apr. 28.

Representative Charles O. Porter said today he was advised that the first nuclear test of his country's Spring series would take place on Friday near Eniwetok in the Pacific.

Members of the joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee in the meantime said they also understood that the widely-heralded series of test shots would start in the next few days.

One committee member said the tests were to have started about a week ago but that unfavourable weather—"the wrong wind and too many clouds"—had caused the series to be rescheduled.

Tests originally to have been conducted at the start of the series will be run off instead at the end, this member said. —United Press.

Governor Of Malta Bans Meetings

By SIDNEY TAYLOR

Valletta, Apr. 28.

The Governor of Malta tonight banned all meetings of more than 20 people after a day of violence in which a tug and an army vehicle were set afire, police stations attacked, and police and buses stoned.

The attacks came in the midst of a one-day general strike in protest against British policy towards the island. The ban announced tonight is for three months, but the Governor, Sir Robert Laycock, can end it at any time.

The Malta General Workers Union said tonight the strike, which emptied the vast Naval Dockyard, was "truly national." It distributed leaflets ordering all workers to go back to their jobs tomorrow.

MUST OBEY

The leaflets said: "You must obey only the directives of the Union." Mr D. Stephens, legal secretary to the Malta Government, asked tonight if this was considered seditious, said the Attorney-General was considering the matter.

In the attacks on police stations, at Tarxien and Conspicua, men broke the windows, climbed inside and tried to set the buildings afire, without success. Sailors mounted guard over a tug in Marsa Harbour which was temporarily afire.—Reuter.

'Couldn't Give A Damn About Monaco'

Sir Bernard Docker Lodges Protest At The Foreign Office

London, Apr. 28.

Sir Bernard Docker, British industrialist, went to the British Foreign Office today to protest at the expulsion of himself and his wife from Monaco and the French Riviera.

He and Lady Docker have been officially banned from their favourite playgrounds because Lady Docker is alleged to have torn up a tiny paper flag of Monaco in a Monte Carlo restaurant.

She was angry because her son, Lance, was not invited to Prince Rainier's party for the christening of his child.

Sir Bernard Docker had an appointment at the Foreign Office with Sir Anthony Rumbold, Assistant Under-Secretary of State who supervises Western European affairs. The industrialist was there for 45 minutes.

He said later: "My protest was noted, but one does not expect an immediate reaction."

DON'T THINK

Asked what he hoped to achieve, the industrialist replied: "I could not give a damn about Monaco. But we do not want to be separated from our friends in the south of France and I do not think they want to lose us either."

Monaco has an agreement with France that those people barred from the Principality are also not allowed to visit the neighbouring French departments.

Earlier today Sir Bernard said: "The French have been lauded into applying a treaty which was presumably intended for thugs and criminals of various types. I don't think they wanted to do this any more than we wanted them to."

A Foreign Office spokesman declined to comment on today's protest.

"We will leave the talking to Sir Bernard," he said.—Reuter.

VISCOUNT CRASHES

Tarbolton, Apr. 29.

A Vickers Viscount airliner crashed and caught fire near here in Scotland late last night but none of the occupants were killed.

The airliner, owned by British European Airways, carried a crew of five but no passengers.

The turbo-prop Viscount, one of the latest "800" series, was on charter from BEA to the British Overseas Airways Corporation.

It was flying from London to Prestwick Airport, Scotland to pick up passengers for London.—Reuter.

French Support

Paris, Apr. 28.

France supports the American plan for aerial inspection of the Arctic regions, French official sources said tonight.—Reuter.

HAVE YOU sent in your nomination for Hongkong's Footballer Of The Year?
If not, you have from now until Saturday, May 3, to do so.
Turn to the Sports Pages for the nomination form

UK RELIEF COLUMN ON MARCH TO FORT

Aden, Apr. 28.

A British soldier was wounded today when snipers fired on a relief force advancing towards a beleagured fort amid jagged mountain peaks on the Aden-Yemen frontier.

The serviceman was evacuated by helicopter to Aden where his condition was said to be "not serious."

The relief force was preparing to attack at dawn tomorrow rebel tribesmen besieging a British official and Aden Government guards in the "Beau Geste" fort of Assarir.

IN GOOD HEART

The Briton, Mr Fitzroy Somerset, an assistant political agent, radioed the relief force tonight that he and the beleagured garrison were "in good heart."

One of the Aden Government guards in the fort has been slightly wounded.

Venom jet fighters have kept up a constant patrol over the relief force while other Venoms fired rockets at the rebels holding the high ground southwest of Fort Assarir.—Reuter.

Daring Daylight Payroll Robbery

Marseilles, Apr. 28.

A band of four gunmen today carried out a daring daylight robbery of an armoured car in the centre of Marseilles, killing a guard, spraying the streets with sub-machine gunfire and making a getaway with a 33,000,000 francs (US$78,000) payroll.

The minutely planned attack began when one of the gunmen stepped out of the rear trunk compartment of a parked car where he had hidden all morning, and fired a burst at Jules Vanese, 57, an ex-policeman, who was guarding the payroll for the staff of the Hospital of La Timone.

Vanese crumbled to the ground. He was pronounced dead later at the hospital.

The bandits with handkerchiefs over their faces, seized the payroll sacks and made a fast getaway in another waiting car.

Gun Battle

A police car alerted by the shots gave chase, exchanging a running hail of gunfire with the robbers.

The robbers stopped short at a dead end with a blank wall, left their car and jumped over the wall, as one of them covered the others by a burst of sub-machine gunfire.

When police were able to reach the wall, they saw the thieves driving away in another waiting vehicle.

The car in which the killer hid was found to be ingeniously fitted out with ventilation openings on the bottom of the trunk, comfortable pillows, and a special observation window drilled through one of the rear stop lights. —France-Presse.

Mikoyan

Berlin, Apr. 28.

Mr Anastas Mikoyan, a Soviet First Deputy Premier, arrived here tonight for an unscheduled 24-hour call on his way home from a three-day visit to West Germany, the East German news agency ADN reported.—Reuter.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

HK BUSINESS MIDDLE CLASS

PROFESSOR Kirby's latest proposal on the creation of a "Business Middle Class" in the Colony is commendable and far reaching, and warrants careful consideration.

Hongkong for many years now has been suffering from a "professional middle class vacuum", which cannot continue if the Colony expects to prosper in the years to come.

Training Needed

THIS vacuum has been filled to some extent by expatriates, who have had the required training, but they are becoming harder to recruit these days and cost companies more money.

In such cases firms will have to fall back on local personnel. But these, without specialised training, will be a misfit in any business concern.

To alleviate this state of affairs, a company can do a number of things. They can either send locally employed personnel abroad for further training; or let promising men understudy with departmental heads; or support such a scheme as envisaged by Professor Kirby.

Drawbacks

THE first point would be impractical in the long run; the second may have a few drawbacks; and the last may be of benefit to the local business community, from which Hongkong draws its life-blood.

Professor Kirby has for years advocated the setting up of an independent Faculty of Economics with an appropriate commercial bias at the University of Hongkong, but would the end result justify it?

Complex

THE work behind setting up a separate faculty would, in Professor Kirby's words "be a large and complex undertaking." It would need the support of the local business firms both financially and morally, similar to the support given to the Hongkong Technical College by local industrialists.

Whether many business concerns recognise the fact that there is a "vacuum" is questionable, and if they do, will they support such a scheme as proposed by Professor Kirby?

May Be Satisfied

THEY may be well satisfied with training up promising men for executive jobs themselves with appropriate remunerations to keep these people with their companies.

In such cases these companies would not require the use of the products of the Faculty of Economics with the result that this course would serve no practical purpose to the local community.

Before such a scheme can be launched, a careful study of the views of local commercial interests must be noted or the University may end up with a white elephant on its hands.

West Decide On Common Stand On Summit Exploratory Talks

By EDWARD DEPURY

Washington, Apr. 28.

Usually authoritative diplomatic quarters said today that the British, French and United States Governments had agreed to continue their summit exploratory talks in Moscow separately, instead of meeting with the Poles, Czechs and Russians together, as proposed by Russia.

The Western Governments do not like the system of meeting separately with the Russians, but they prefer it to meeting jointly with three Communist countries which the Kremlin insisted was the alternative to meeting individually.

Diplomats said the Kremlin apparently was using this proposals as a device to gain greater prestige for its satellites of Poland and Czechoslovakia.

INDIVIDUAL

Late today, after British and French diplomats visited the State Department, it was said in diplomatic circles that all three governments agreed to follow the present procedure, which means continuation of the individual meetings with the Russians.

Diplomats said that in using the word "agreed," it did not mean that they had agreed with the Russians as yet to this procedure.

They said it only meant that among the three Western governments, they were of common opinion on procedure. There might be some further discussions with the Russians about it before any further steps were taken, and this discussion might be conditional or provisional, it was indicated.—United Press.

Nixon Gets Jeered

Montevideo, Apr. 28.

Vice-President Richard Nixon of the United States arrived here today on a two-day visit—and was greeted by students shouting: "Go away, Nixon," and "Out with Nixon."

The student demonstrators gathered outside the university as Mr Nixon's motorcade passed by on its way from the airport at the start of his goodwill tour of South America. Leaflets thrown nearby said: "Students repudiate Nixon, the representative of United States oppression in Latin America, because he supports and encourages dictatorships."—Reuter.

Cardinal Well

Vatican City, Apr. 28.

Samuel Cardinal Stritch apparently withstood well the amputation of his right arm today and his doctors hope he would be able to get up in two or three days.—France-Presse.

Mousenik

Washington, Apr. 28.

The US Air Force today officially confirmed reports that there has been a live mouse in the combination Thor-Vanguard rocket fired last Wednesday in a nose-cone test.

The Air Force said the mouse presumably died when the vehicle crashed into the Atlantic short of its goal.—Reuter.

YEMEN TO GO TO UN

Cairo, Apr. 28.

The Red Sea kingdom of the Yemen has decided to inform the United Nations Security Council of the "situation created by British occupation of Pahej," a Sultanate in the West Aden protectorate, it was announced here tonight.

The announcement was made after the Yemeni Deputy Foreign Minister, Hassan Ben Ibrahim, had arrived here and discussed the situation on the Yemen Border with Marshal Abdel Hakim Amer, Vice-President of the United Arab Republic.

SOVIET ARMS

In Washington, Mr Allen W. Dulles Director of the United States Central Intelligence Agency, said today that the Yemen had received Soviet arms valued at $30 million.

Mr Dulles, brother of Mr John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, told a meeting of the US Chamber of Commerce, that the Red Sea kingdom with a population of four million had also been granted $80 million in credits.

He said that Soviet penetration into the Yemen was a "striking instance of the use of trade and aid as an investment in disorder in the Middle East."—Reuter.

SOLDIER GETS TEN YEARS

Berlin, Apr. 28.

A US Army court-martial today convicted a soldier who spent five years in East Germany and sentenced him to 10 years imprisonment and a dishonourable discharge.

Private Arthur Shearer, 28, of Washington, D.C., was found guilty of desertion, association with Soviet agents and membership in a group advocating the violent overthrowing of the US government. Shearer pleaded guilty and did not testify.—United Press.

STOP PRESS

LAUNCHING FAILURE

Cape Canaveral, Apr. 28.

The US Navy launched its Vanguard rocket with a 20-inch satellite tonight, but a few minutes later announced that the third stage did not fire properly and did not attain enough speed to blast the sphere into orbit.—United Press.

SOLDIERS & POLICE TO CARRY ARMS

Nicosia, Apr. 28.

British servicemen and police were ordered to carry arms from today as a new terror wave threatened to break out in the island.

The Greek sectors of five of the island's main towns have been placed out of bounds to British troops.

The move follows Eoka ultimatum to the Governor, Sir Hugh Foot, which expired today. The terrorist movement threatened to resume attacks on Britons unless "inhuman measures" were stopped in British detention camps.

British troops will be withdrawn from the Kokkinotrimithia detention camp as soon as damage caused there by detainees earlier this month is repaired, an official statement said here today.

It said damage caused on April 10 amounted to about £4,000.

The statement is generally believed to imply that the troops would be leaving the camp within the next few days.

Greek sources said they have had no communication from Kokkinotrimithia today while official reports continued to say the situation at the camp was quiet.—Reuter.

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THE SUMATRA FIGHTING

Troops Advance Towards Bukit Tinggi

Singapore, Apr. 28.

The rebel Central Sumatran Government claimed tonight Indonesian Army units were using Red Cross teams to mask their movements as they advanced towards the insurgent capital of Bukit Tinggi.

The rebels made the claim in a radio Morse transmission to Singapore. They said their troops were "fighting stubbornly," and were making regular raids against the port of Padang.

Fighting was still going on around Solok, about 40 miles inland from Padang. At one point, the rebels said, Government forces advancing from Padang had got to within 35 miles of Bukit Tinggi, but they were being held there.

The rebels said during the weekend a Mitchell bomber of the Indonesian Air Force had flown over Bukit Tinggi dropping leaflets, advising the people to surrender.

"But the people tore these leaflets up, or burnt them," the rebel statement said.

Padang Radio

Meanwhile, Djakarta radio said tonight the former rebel Padang Radio was back on the air—as a Government station.

When the rebel republic was established in Central Sumatra two months ago, it had radios at the Port of Padang, and the mountain capital of Bukit Tinggi.

Both were closed by Government bombing, and when they started operating again after a lapse of two weeks, they announced themselves only as "Radio Revolutionary Republic Indonesia."

Although Padang Radio is in Government hands, a rebel Radio is still transmitting Morse to news agencies in Singapore.

However, according to monitors, there have been no voice casts for the past three days.

The insurgents in the North Celebes have a radio station at Menado, but according to the Radio Malaya monitoring service, it is too weak to be heard in Singapore.

Coup Foiled

In Djakarta, Indonesian Army headquarters said tonight loyalist authorities in Atjeh, North Sumatra, quelled an attempted coup by Indonesian rebels.

Lieutenant Colonel Rudy Pirngadie, information chief, said the "efforts to stage a coup were cut short, thanks to the quick action.

"It began and ended at midnight on April 26. There was no shooting or violence."

He said Lieutenant Colonel Sjamaun Gaharu, Atjeh military commander, had taken "corrective measures" against a group of "officers and adventures" who tried to drag Atjeh to the side of West Sumatra's embattled "revolutionary government."

The announcement of the attempted coup follows an Army statement that the Sumatran rebels supplied 2,000 weapons to Atjeh's warlike "Army of God" fanatic anti-Communist Moslem sect.—Reuter.

New York Gangster, 20, Poses For Photographers

New York, Apr. 28.

A 20-year-old street gang leader charged with the shotgun murder of a 17-year-old rival gangster, struck poses with his shackled hands today for news photographers and quipped: "Am I going to Hollywood?"

Ramon Serra appeared cockily self-confident as he was taken to police headquarters for official photographs and fingerprints.

He will be arraigned later for the killing of Michael Ramos, 17, a teen-aged gang leader affiliated with three groups of young hoodlums.

Serra was said to have confessed to police that he shot Ramos in a Bronx candy store, where he had gone to confer with him at Ramos' request, because the other youth gave him "a dirty look."

Both youths are of Puerto Rican extraction.

Ramos, known as a gang organiser and middle-man in inter-gang relations, was a prosecution witness at the recent trial of seven youths for the murder of Michael Farmer, 15. Police said it appeared there was no connection, however, between that appearance and his killing.

Serra was arrested yesterday, 17 hours after the Ramos slaying, by detectives who act on a tip from his 14-year-old girl friend.—United Press.

1,000 Die From Smallpox

Katmandu, Apr. 28.

Reports reaching here today said that 1,000 persons had died from smallpox in southern Nepal in the last three weeks.

A government announcement said that vaccination teams had been organised and were working in the Rautahat area.—United Press.

Duke Drives Britain's Latest Tank

Sunningdale, Apr. 28.

THE Duke of Edinburgh drove the Army's latest 11-ton armoured car — the Saladin — around a bumpy test track at 40 miles an hour today.

He took a seconds-long course in the controls, then did two circuits of the two-mile track at the fighting vehicles research and development centre here.

"A very good job," he said as he climbed out.

The Duke also inspected the fighting compartment of Britain's 65-ton Conqueror tank, looked over the latest armoured reconnaissance car the Ferret and visited secret projects in the establishment. — Reuter.

ANOTHER VANGUARD SATELLITE TODAY?

FIRING SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

Washington, Apr. 28.

A second Vanguard earth satellite will probably be launched by the United States Navy at Cape Canaveral in Florida tonight, according to an International Geophysical Year official here today.

Dr Lloyd Berkner, vice-president of a special rockets and satellites committee for the I.G.Y. made the announcement during a speech to the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

Meanwhile, observers reported that preparations were going ahead at the Cape Canaveral missile test centre for a launching sometime this week.

This second Vanguard will measure 20 inches and be the first fully-instrumented satellite sent into outer space by the United States.

The first Vanguard, launched on March 17, was a test satellite measuring only 6.4 inches.

Two other American satellites — the Army's Explorers I and III are also still whirling around the earth. Both Russian Sputniks have now "died," burning up in the dense atmosphere of the earth.—Reuter.

Jean Seberg To Wed

Marshalltown, Apr. 28.

Jean Seberg, Iowa high school girl who became a movie star overnight, will be married to a French lawyer, her mother announced today.

Jean is engaged to Francois Moricul, 23, of Paris, but no plans for their marriage have been set as yet, Mrs E. Seberg said.

Moricul, a staff member of the French Embassy in New York, met Miss Seberg in Paris on the set of her latest movie, "Bonjour Tristesse."—United Press.

RAF's LATEST FIGHTER

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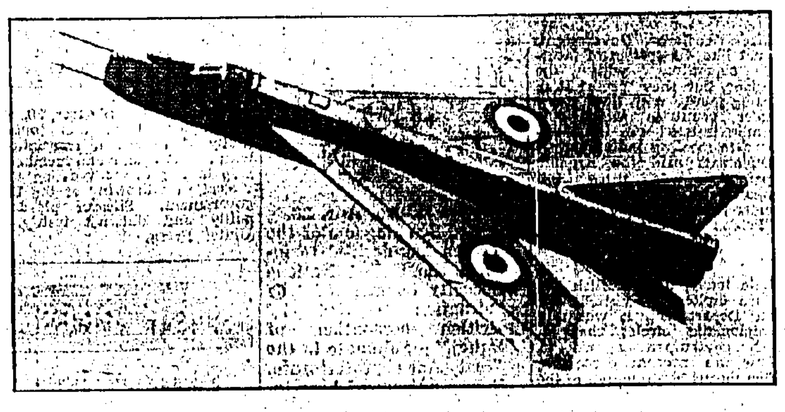

London, Apr. 28.

THE Royal Air Force is to get some more of Britain's latest English Electric P1 supersonic fighters, Mr Aubrey Jones, Minister of Supply, told the House of Commons today.

He did not say how many, but it is understood the number will be about 100.

Mr Jones has also authorised some of the trainer version of this aircraft for the RAF.

For some time there has been speculation about the future of RAF Fighter Command now that surface-to-air missiles are being developed for the defence of Britain. But on April 16, Mr George Ward, Secretary for Air, said no change was contemplated in the Command's status.—Reuter.

Flown Home To 'Die In Peace'

New York, Apr. 28.

The parents of a four-year-old cancer sufferer flew the boy back to Italy tonight "so he can die at home" after failing to persuade New York doctors to administer what they regarded as a "new wonder drug."

The child, Pasquale Mancino, of Naples, was carried aboard an Alitalia Airliner at International Airport on a stretcher after his parents, Mr and Mrs Antonio Mancino, removed him from Memorial Hospital "against doctors' orders" and had him driven to the airport in an ambulance.

The black-haired, brown-eyed boy was fed intravenously in the ambulance before he was taken aboard the plane, wrapped in a blanket and will be fed in similar fashion en route to Rome, where he is due tomorrow at 2.15 pm. Rome time.—United Press.

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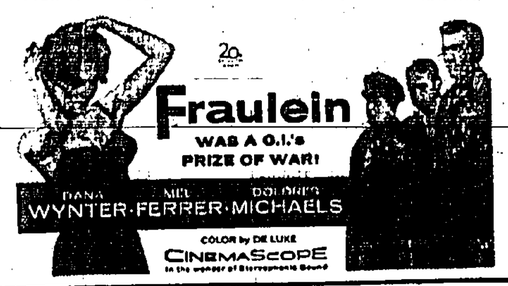

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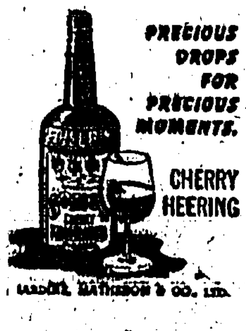

CABLE BRIEFS

Denver, Apr. 28.

Police today held a youth who admitted stealing cars in the morning to get to school across town, then stealing others to get back home at night.

The high school student told authorities he had a car of his own but never had enough money to buy gas. — United Press.

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Truce Line, Korea, Apr. 28.

The US 7th Infantry Division's service club now puts out two-page "canned" letter for the folks back home. All the GI has to do is address the envelope and put a stamp on it.

The letters, which are revised every month to help the troops "keep writing," generally describe life near the Truce Line, barracks life, Korean customs, and even the weather.—United Press.

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Goettingen, Apr. 28.

A new breed of bees that are "gentle as lambs" and use their stingers only rarely was claimed today by bee scientist Dr Hans Wohlegemuth.

Wohlegemuth, Director of the Lower Saxony State Institute for Bee Research, said that the well-behaved bees were developed through cross-breeding. They produce as much honey as belligerent bees.—United Press.

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Dueren, Apr. 28.

Hunted by police, Ali Rahem, an Algerian, hanged himself from a tree in Dueren, Germany. He was suffering from a persecution complex.—United Press.

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Sydney, Apr. 28.

Australians are being urged by a national newspaper (Sydney Sun-Herald) to eat grilled grass-hoppers—as a public service.

Object: to help wipe out the pest. Fried ants and roasted caterpillers are also recommended.—United Press.

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Palermo, Apr. 28.

Pyjama-clad Antonio Ammirata dived head first into the street from a third-floor balcony after making an election speech in Palermo, Sicily.

He was caught in a fireman's net and taken off for psychiatric treatment. — United Press.

BING RETIRES FROM SHOW BUSINESS

Bing Crosby

New York, Apr. 28.

BING CROSBY today announced his retirement from the entertainment business at the age of 54. He qualified this slightly by saying he will be available if something great comes along.

He added: "But right now it doesn't look as if there is anything."

The actor and singer announced his plans in an interview in Look magazine.

He is now married to actress Kathryn Grant. He has four sons by his first wife, the late singer Dixie Lee.

In the interview he said: "I've managed to give, if I may be immodest, some good entertainment to the public. Unless I can maintain that standard, there is nothing for me to do but hang up the old throat spray and spend my time with Kathryn, my kids, golf, fishing — all attractive prospects to me."

MANY INTERESTS

Crosby pointed out that he has many interests outside the entertainment field.

His friend Bob Hope often makes jokes about Crosby's stable of racehorses and, as Crosby himself put it, he has "fingers in other pies: loads of things to do." He added: "I have a lot of business projects, such as television deals, that will occupy my attention."

Crosby said: "I'm actually retiring because there's nothing I'm really keen to do. Not that I wouldn't get back into action if something great came up and I could grab it, but right now, it doesn't look as if there is anything."

He said he is not making any formal announcement of his retirement.

Crosby said he would like to "just slip into the background. After all, something might come up."

"I just don't want to waste my time on something for which I've no enthusiasm," he said. "After all, the public is getting very selective both on movies and TV . . . They tear shows apart unless they're good.

"The best thing is to stay away from something you have no faith in. Otherwise, you're in trouble."—Reuter.

After A Week Of Talks, He Accepts Task

Pleven—The Next Premier?

Agreement On The Algerian Charter

Paris, Apr. 28.

M. Rene Pleven, middle-of-the-road politician, today officially accepted the task of trying to form the next French government following nearly a week's exploratory talks on Algeria with key party leaders.

The 57-year-old Prime Minister designate, a near-Radical, announced his acceptance after a 90-minute talk with President Rene Coty.

He said he had obtained "almost general agreement" with political leaders on his proposed Algerian charter.

But because various party groups had still to meet to discuss their position he did not envisage an investiture debate in the National Assembly before the beginning of next week.

He said he would start immediately on the second phase of his task—the formulation of financial and social policy.

M. Pleven said tonight that he faced a difficult task in drawing up an economic and financial policy acceptable to the key parties.

Estimate

Some experts estimate the next Government will have to raise 50,000 to 80,000 million francs in new revenue — and the Conservatives are traditionally hostile to new taxation.

Labour unions are meanwhile impatiently waiting for France's 25th government since 1944 to be formed before launching new pay claims to meet the rising cost of living.

But the former French Premier received encouragement from two other ex-premiers, Georges Bidault and Edgar Faure, in his task of settling the government crisis.

M. Pleven's first caller today was M. Bidault of the mainly Catholic MRP Party, who failed in a previous effort to win support for a government to succeed that of Radical Premier M. Felix Gaillard.

M. Bidault said that he had made several suggestions which had been adopted by M. Pleven for his declaration on Algerian policy, and thus was "happy to encourage him to continue his task".

Declaration

M. Pleven's declaration reportedly implied some quest for direct contacts and negotiations to settle the three-year old Algerian war.

M. Bidault, one of the leaders who provoked the fall of the Gaillard Government by opposing the conclusions of the Anglo-American "Good Offices" Mission, had previously proposed a policy which was interpreted as hardening the French attitude toward the Algerian problem, Tunisia and Morocco.

Encouragement also came today from M. Faure, leader of the middle of the road RGR Party, an offshoot of the Radicals.

M. Faure disclosed after talking with M. Pleven that, as a matter of fact, his party and M. Pleven were merging this week.

M. Faure revealed that M. Pleven's declaration had 11 points and covered not only Algeria but also Tunisia and Morocco.

M. Pleven also consulted with a Poujadist leader who said later that the Poujadists would not support him.

M. Pierre Pflimlin, MRP leader, said after talking with M. Pleven that the declaration was "remarkable" and that he had no major objections to it.

M. Pleven also saw today Minister for Algeria Robert Lacoste. In practice up to now only the extreme left and extreme right have come out openly against M. Pleven.

This indicated the possibility of a workable majority including Socialists, Social Republicans (ex-Gaullists), MRP and some Radicals and Independents.—Reuter and France-Presse.

Bombing Of British Freighters: No Comment

Singapore, Apr. 28.

A spokesman for the Indonesian Consulate in Singapore said today his office had received no information of the bombing attack on two British tankers, in the Indonesian port of Balik Papan.

Earlier today the 8,139-ton British tanker Daronia reported in a radio message that she had picked up the crew of another British tanker, the 12,278-ton San Flaviano, after both had been bombed in the Indonesian port of Balik Papan.

The spokesman said: "If there was any bombing, you can take it from me that it was a rebel plane.

"Balik Papan is Government territory, and we are not likely to bomb our own country."

A spokesman for the British Commissioner-General's Office said if any action was to be taken over the bombing, it would be initiated through the British Embassy in Djakarta.—Reuter.

Bus Strike Talks Break Down

London, Apr. 28.

Talks to avert a strike on May 4 by London's 50,000 busmen broke down tonight after 7½ hours.

Mr Frank Cousins, Secretary of the 1,300,000-strong Transport and General Workers Union, said it had not been possible "to make any progress" in talks with London transport chiefs.

The busmen are demanding an all-round weekly pay increase of ten shillings and sixpence.

The dispute is regarded here as setting the pattern for other wage fights all over Britain.—Reuter.

Britain Agrees

London, Apr. 28.

Britain has agreed to a Jordan request to defer until May 1, 1964, the payment of an instalment of £500,000 due on May 1 next for British stores and installations in Jordan, the Foreign Office here announced today.—Reuter.

HE WILL "SWIM" THE ATLANTIC!

Paris, Apr. 28.

M. MAURICE Tondu, 35, of Paris, said today he will "swim" the Atlantic alone with a special dinghy on which he will rest the upper part of his body.

He said that in his attempt at the end of June he would be propelled across the ocean by his legs covered by rubber gaiters. The dinghy would hold his food and belongings.

Mr Tondu, who is married, said he was making the attempt for "mainly scientific" reasons. He hoped he would be helped on his "swim" from Dakar in West Africa to Martinique in the West Indies by warm currents.—China Mail Special.

Soviet Bombers Seen Over Alaska

Grand Rapids, Apr. 28.

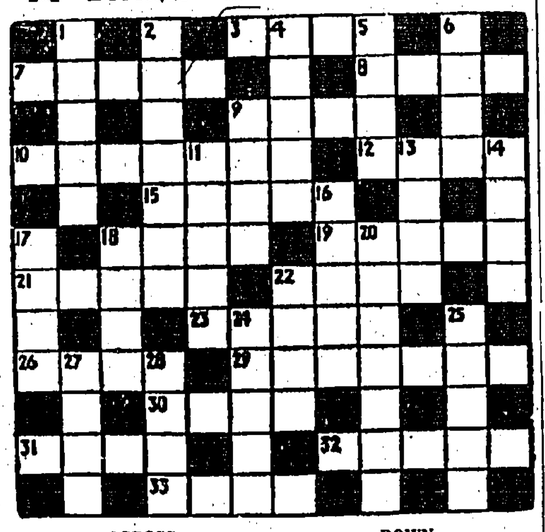
A TOP American Strategic Air Force officer said here that Soviet bombers were sighted regularly patrolling over the Arctic north of Alaska.

General Francis Griswold, SAC Deputy Commander, said, "I assume the Russian planes are carrying nuclear devices."

He added that in case of surprise Soviet attacks, SAC bombers would deliver a massive retaliatory blow on Soviet territory.

Bombs carried by the SAC, he said, would kill 50 to 60 million persons in a single wave.—France-Presse.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3 Dangerous knot? (4).
7 Poetic pigeon (5).
8 Issue (4).
9 Ex-cub (4).
10 By no means unreasonable (7).
12 Legal action (4).
15 Heals (5).
16 Currency in Denmark? Yes and no (4).
19 Objects of larceny by a red knave (5).
21 Feature of the Kent countryside, perhaps (5).
22 The same again, I repeat, and very dead (4).
23 Remained, we hear, perfectly sober (5).
26 Part of England to spend the night in (4).
29 The result of some climbing (7).
30 Rich and green (4).
31 Our man-made "sun" (4).
32 Concede (5).
33 Fitting encounter (4).

DOWN

1 Vehicle (5).
2 Curative (7).
4 He's far from home (5).
5 Ward off (4).
6 The prospector's personal claim! (4).
9 Kind of bird (4).
11 Part of a Muffet meal (5).
13 European river (4).
14 Piece of crockery (4).
16 An indifferent sort of person (5).
17 Wash down the decks (4).
18 She was invited into the garden (4).
20 Appended items (7).
22 Expression of annoyance (4).
24 Savoury sense? (5).
25 Room at the top! (5).
27 One over the odds (4).
28 Shut violently (4).

MONDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Nipper, 7 Rail, 8 Chips, 10 Smelt, 11 Nose, 13 Pomeranian, 15 Tend, 16 Snap, 19 Coal Cellar, 22 Sets, 24 Doubt, 25 Ducat, 26 Farr, 27 Horner. Down: 2 Idiom, 3 Poser, 4 Risley, 5 Pre-natal, 6 Bits, 8 Aloft, 12 Elder, 13 Posts, 14 Exposure, 17 Actor, 18 Clutch, 20 Elds, 21 Larry, 23 Eden.

Napoleon's Love Letters

Munich, Apr. 28.

Authorities today cancelled a scheduled auction of Napoleon Bonaparte's letters to his second wife lest the collection be broken up and scattered among private collectors.

The auction of the letters to Empress Marie-Louise was scheduled for tomorrow and Wednesday in a Munich auction house which expected to see the documents for an estimated US$240,000.

There are approximately 8,000 letters and notes in the collection.—United Press.

Earthquake

Tokyo, Apr. 28.

A slight earth tremor today shook southern and eastern Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island.—Reuter.

Teenagers Charged With Killing Korean Student

Philadelphia, Apr. 28.

Eight teenagers, appearing unconcerned, were arraigned in Juvenile Court today on charges of taking part in the fatal beating of a Korean graduate student at the University of Pennsylvania on Friday night.

Three older suspects charged with the crime are being held without bail on homicide charges for Criminal Court.

The eight, ranging from 16 to 17 years old, kept looking around the courtroom for acquaintances during the 10-minute hearing before Judge J. Sydney Hoffman. The Judge adjourned the hearing to Wednesday at the request of the District Attorney's Office.

Seven of the boys were committed to Moyamensing Prison and the eighth was sent to the Youth Study Centre to await the next hearing.

The 11 defendants, all Negroes, were accused of savagely beating 26-year-old In-ho Oh to death on a street corner after they had decided to "roll the next guy who comes along" to get money to go to a church-sponsored dance.

Oh, a political science student at Penn, was attacked as he dropped a letter to his parents in Korea into a corner mail box. He was kicked and beaten with fists, a milk bottle and a blackjack, but his assailants found his pockets empty.

Oh died ten minutes after police brought him to Presbyterian Hospital.—United Press.

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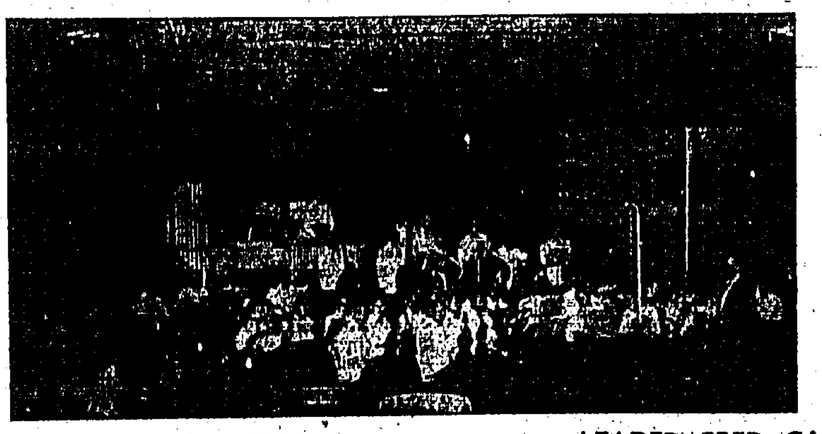

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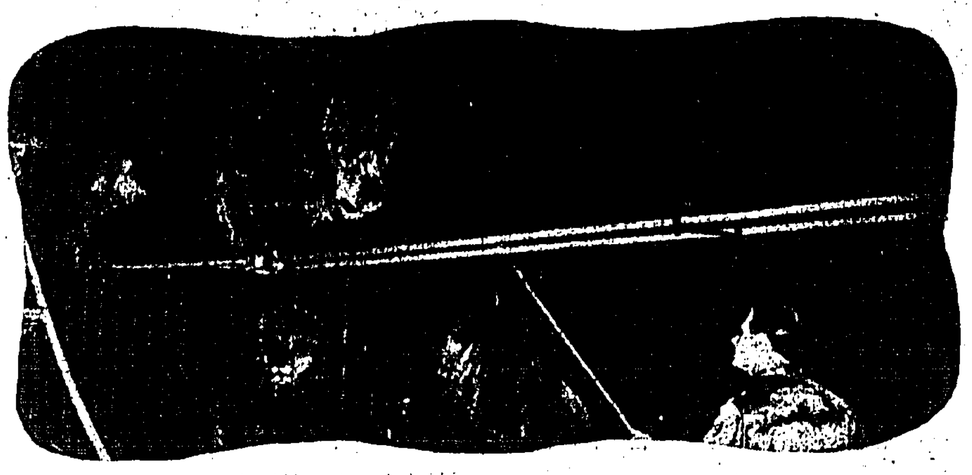
The RISK—and REWARD

Take the lion tamer . . . 'conquering the will of a jungle beast'

ALEX KERR tames lions and tigers for a living. He is therefore a bad risk, the insurance men tell me. Alex, in fact, helps to head the list they call Extra-Hazardous Occupations in the insurance office.

He tops it alongside people like atomic research workers, electrical overhead line maintenance men, explosives workers, firemen, shunters and permanent way workers, some sportsmen, miners and some quarry workers—and even the man who sprays crops with dangerous insecticides.



● *This is the strange World of the Men Who Live With Danger—men like Alex Kerr (left) who faces the lions for his living. Why do they do it? The answer comes from—*

Peter Bloxham

Conqueror

HOW does it feel to be branded an E.H.O. Risk? Is there some kind of compensatory reward?

My research tells me that there certainly is: an intensely personal, sometimes almost inexplicable reward.

They talk of it with reverence, and something approaching mysticism these men who live life the dangerous way.

Like Alex. "It is a strange, deep satisfaction to have conquered the will of a jungle beast," he says.

"In the beginning, you have to try to attune your mind to the animal's; to get over to him exactly what you want him to do.

"To achieve it, you must be almost one with the animal. To have achieved it is wonderful."

Listen now to **SIR JOHN HUNT**, leader of the team that conquered Everest as a Coronation gift for the Queen, telling about the reward that is buried under the snow-capped summits:

THE MEN WHO LIVE WITH DANGER

"Fundamentally, the appeal of climbing mountains is that they take you away from the artificial things that civilisation has hedged us around with:

"They dispel the petty worries of everyday life and help you to see things straight again—to get your values straight, particularly your sense of proportion about yourself.

"No one can take a really difficult climb, whether it be a Himalayan peak or British crag, without having his own weakness in the face of nature pretty forcibly brought home to him.

"Mountains provide a salutary lesson in humility. Sharing mountain dangers, hardships and joys brings comradeship.

"Skill and experience acquired in sport can be matched against the challenge of a difficult climb. The peace and beauty of the mountain scene provides an atmosphere in which we can become our real selves."

Or listen to crack Harringay driver **TONY MANSELLI**, who really likes throwing stock-cars around the track.

There's a kind of satisfaction, he explained to me, in knowing that no one can touch you for driving how you like. You can do all the things that are normally forbidden.

The Highway Code? You've never heard of it. You can't help enjoying yourself.

And, he says, there is another kind of satisfaction in using the skill you need to keep you on four wheels, when someone catches your wing and you have to get out of a spin fast.

Kind of creative.

There must be deep satisfaction, too, for **CAPTAIN F. KINGDON-WARD** in scouring the remote mountains of Asia for rare plants.

But dangerous? Not to Capt. Kingdon-Ward. "If it were," he says too modestly, "I'm sure I wouldn't have the courage to do it. There are so many people who really do live dangerous lives, as the sudden death statistics show."

What we miss

IT is not only public acclamation, the roar of the admiring crowd. That might explain the kick a lion-tamer gets, but what about the shunter?

No single danger-monger I have met would ever admit to wanting a different career.

A steeplechase jockey told me he would be scared stiff climbing Everest. Stirling Moss once said he is scared of skiing, because a broken limb might prevent a later rendezvous with some far greater danger.

Lesser mortals like me prefer gardening and cycling down quiet lanes. What we miss we shall never know.

The captain is right: and not alone in his modesty.

Sometimes, I have found, it is easier for men to risk death than to talk of the strange, deep content that comes from doing so. Men who live dangerously have no time for heroics.

I asked firemen and miners about it—and met the kind of wisecrack that makes you wonder whether you have asked a silly question.

I asked test pilots about this intangible thing you get in return for the offer of your life—and was parried by half-embarrassed evasion.

The trawlermen, who have lost 94 mates to danger since New Year's Day, said it was just for the money.

The guinea-pigs who volunteer for dangerous medical experiments manage to dodge the question by remaining completely anonymous.

But there is a special satisfaction in living dangerously. Something in the eyes of all of them, as they talked about their jobs, said that it must be so.

ROUND-UP

Cinema Of The Future?

HAMBURG.

ONE day you may have a referee's eye-view of a cup final film.

A young Hamburg film producer, Adalbert Baltes, who has already won a reputation for his short "culture" films in colour, is convinced he has the answer to the cinema's waning popularity.

"My ideas," he said, "could make all the films we know today look like children's magic lantern slides."

Herr Baltes would send cameramen to the cup final with ordinary apparatus and sound recorders. But his cameramen, instead of pointing their lenses directly at the players, would film the run of the play through a spherical mirror set up near the cameras.

"This would give me a film of distorted images such as you would see in a crystal ball," said Herr Baltes.

Next stage: his projection room would be in a cellar and his projectors would project these distorted pictures upwards on to a spherical mirror. From this mirror they would be reflected on to a another mirror going all round the cinema walls.

After big football matches, Herr Baltes would like to film a tour of the Grand Canal in Venice.

In front you would see the gondolier. Turn round in your swivel seat in the cinema of the future and there is the gorgeous blonde who is sharing your trip along the Grand Canal.

"You take your choice," said Herr Baltes, "whether to go on looking at the gondolier or turn round and keep looking at the girl."

It is all done by mirrors. And, of course, swivel seats.

"Watch These Icebergs"

TORONTO.

CANADIAN Arctic air and sea patrols have been alerted to keep an eye on Russian scientific teams floating around the North polar sea on icebergs.

An official of the Canadian Defence Department said every year the Russians fly in scientific teams by ski-equipped aircraft to study moving pack ice and ocean currents underneath.

The teams are supplied by parachute drops and are in constant radio touch with Soviet scientists based in Siberia.

The iceberg stations frequently float within a few miles of American and Canadian territorial waters, and last year Canada launched a mild protest with the Russian government.

However, the Russians have made no secret of their iceberg stations and have freely exchanged oceanographic and meteorological data with Western nations.

During the last four years a total of 524 known Russian-manned icebergs have been spotted by Canadian and American air patrols in the Arctic.

The ski-equipped aircraft are occasionally picked up on the continent's Distant Early Warning radar system, which stretches from Greenland to Alaska. But planes have never made an effort to fly over Canadian territory.

In Ottawa, a government official said: "We know all about these fellows and there is not much doubt they are genuine scientists. But just to be on the safe side we like to keep tabs on them."

Air Travel Problem

GENEVA.

AN international manual of airport sanitation has been called for by the World Health Organisation.

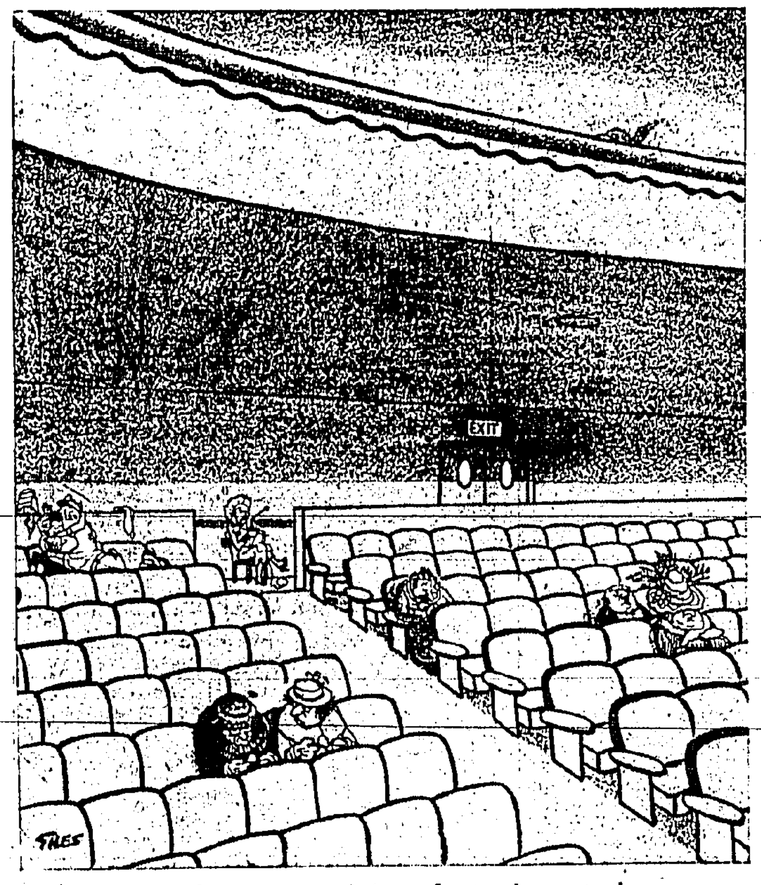
A special committee under the chairmanship of Sir Harold Whittingham, formerly medical director of B.O.A.C., states that the number of air travellers increased from 2,500,000 in 1937 to more than 90,000,000 in 1957, and will pass the 100,000,000 mark this year.

This increase in passenger traffic is over-taxing the sanitary facilities of many airports throughout the world.

The speed of travel leaves no time to check on quarantinable diseases like smallpox, cholera and yellow fever. There can be little control on many airports of disease-carrying insects and rats.

Only rarely, states this committee, have rats been known to enter aircraft, but they have been known to gnaw through aluminium, puncture plastic tubing and even to gnaw through control wires in search of food.

International control of hygienic conditions in aircraft and on airports is demanded.



"Mother, stop worrying about who got the £14,500,000 cinema tax and eat your ice-cream."

In America now they are saying:

IF YOU WANT TO GET AHEAD GET A TOUPEE

"Toupees should be worn whimsically," say the salesmen.

"A TOUPEE should be worn casually, whimsically like an item of dress. It should not be worn every day but just for certain occasions when you want to feel dressed up." This is the new sales philosophy that is pushing that one time shy dissembler, the toupee, into mass production.

America is used to seeing rows of ladies' falsies laid out in the general store alongside the groceries, but male pretence has always seemed more shy.

Suddenly, however, the American man is responding to a sales argument that is so inconsistent as to be hair-raising in itself.

Although toupees are now so skilfully made that even a man's mom could be deceived, the wearer is supposed to repudiate this skill by light-heartedly doffing it when the party gets really jolly, or to confuse his friends by appearing one day with a charming head of skin and the next day with a charming head of someone else's hair.

The nicest American I know calls himself the man in the grey flannel toupee and gaily turns up some evenings in his grey crew-cut "rug" and other times in just his own bare freckled pate.

Shameless

He tells shameless stories about scared chambermaids ("There is a wild animal in your cupboard") and divides his friends into BTs (Before Toupees) and ATs (After Toupees). Typical BT reaction: "You look different. Didn't you use to have a moustache or something?"

When in a toupee-wearing mood he swims in his toupee, sleeps in it, and he claims he occasionally polishes his shoes with it.

He has been voted his wigmaker's favourite customer for his appalling honesty.

"A headpiece is not something to feel sneaky about," commented his wigmaker, a tall unironic man, who looks like Vic Oliver would look if he were ever granted a wish to be just slightly better-looking.

He is unabashedly bald himself, and works in his braces which are made of tapestry depicting goddesses, and which he buys every year in London.

His waiting-room is a mass of the photographed famous, some who are clearly hoping that other customers will suppose they visit Ira Senz for theatrical wigs only.

Most are deluding themselves on this point as American gossip writers love nothing more than exposing under-exposed bald heads.

True to his way that toupee wearing should be jolly, Mr Senz tries on his own headpieces to amuse the customers and seems able to look like anyone from Freddie Mills to Dr Albert Schweitzer in them.

One of his customers turned out badly, he tells you. He was a leading burglar whose trick was to go into a building he was robbing, wearing one of Mr Senz's masterpieces, and run off with the loot—bald.

Then there was the sad and touching case of a customer who missed his toupee, found that a bird had flown off with it and had made its nest in it — and was too kind to disturb it.

Mr Senz's toupees are set on tough but near invisible nylon net, stuck on with adhesive tape and spirit gum. He even achieves such grace notes as the thin-haired toupee, with that outer perimeter of baldness-defying hairs, for the man who doesn't want to go the whole wig (these he supplies by the dozen to a certain famous fretful and notoriously careless English actor).

Mr Senz is rather an exclusive wigmaker (about £100 a headpiece) as his waiting room implies ("You have made me what I am today" runs the inscription on one of his photographs).

But now the mass production boys (£50) have got into the act. "New Ivy League Hairpiece" is the large and luscious advertisement they are putting out (no more of those queasy looking little ads with the blurred type and apologetic air).

Ivy League is the style of man's dress seen on Madison Avenue, the heart of American advertising, and each and every one of the young advertising executives in the glossy offices wears a dark neat crew-cut.

What better example could be set the bald heads of America than Madison Avenue, which leads them pretty well by the nose in everything else too? So by the thousand hairless heads made newly conscious of their lack of Ivy Leagueness are writing in for "A free profusely illustrated booklet and simple measuring kit" that will enable them to order by mail.

Incredulously one watches the sorcery work. "A man just doesn't look neat with a bald head. There is something unfinished about him."

Somehow I had always supposed a man would be able to resist such appeal. "Most of our customers are in the Army, Navy and Air Force," was the uncompromising and depressing reply.

—(London Express Service).

ANNE SHARPLEY reports from NEW YORK

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• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

CANNIBALISM, says a traveller, is dying out. One curious fact I recall. A French scientist told an audience some years ago that cannibals do not eat people who smoke, as they find that this habit destroys the flavour of a human being.

I suppose that is why anyone who ventures into the Bayswater hinterland today, where there is a tribe of cannibals, always smokes ostentatiously.

An astounding claim

Snapdriver: To produce evidence in court that a manhole is a hole you would have to show the surrounding pavement and roadway. You cannot bring a mere gap into court.

Dame Glapiron: When my niece fell through a manhole, presumably there was a hole to fall through.

Gooseboote: Precisely.

Snapdriver: But the hole was not isolated.

Dame Glapiron: It was isolated enough for her to remain on all fours underground, howling for help for three hours until the fire brigade got her out, and a Mrs Cole brought her a cup of tea.

Cockiecarrot: Are we not losing sight of the matter at issue? I will answer my own question. We are.

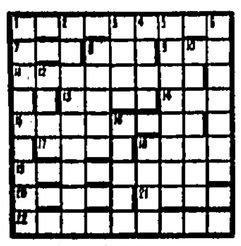
Sausages again

M.Ps continue to press the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Oddments to set up a commission to report on the possibility of suspending sausage tests, and handing over the whole business to UNO. "A scheme for the periodical inspection of sausages is Utopian wishful thinking," said a spokesman. "Sausages can be made in secret, and by the time the consumer knows what is in them the mischief is done." All the same, a contingent of trained analysts in uniform, stationed at strategical points in the sausage districts, is a consoling idea. I can imagine the Norwegian section creeping up to a factory on the list of suspects, rushing the place, and confiscating the dismantled sausages for analysis.

Printer's frolic

A CORRESPONDENT sends me an excellent printer's frolic. A heavy-weight boxer was referred to in a sporting column as "the heavy-weight chump." He wrote in indignantly, and two days later came the correction — "the heavy-weight chimp."

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Grips. (9)
7. Rotter. (3)
9. Vital fluid. (3)
9. Rug. (5)
11. Cold sweet. (3-5)
13. Naps. (4)
14. Drink like a cat. (3)
15. They've got flair. (6)
17. Possible catch. (4)
18. Think. (4)
19. Rancid see? (anag.) (9)
20. Crawler. (5)
21. Stay. (4)
22. Difficult to believe. (4, 5)

Down

1. Man of the future. (9)
2. The same. (9)
3. Pasteboard. (4)
4. Animals. (4)
5. Not very helpful. (6, 8)
6. Ceased. (7)
8. Boy of resource. (5)
10. Get together. (7)
12. Criticise destructively. (4)
16. Dances. (5)
18. Place for selling (4)

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CHESS

By LEONARD BARDEN

This quick win from the Canadian Open Championship (Berliner v. Rott) contains a queen sacrifice which often occurs in similar positions. 1 P—Q4, P—Q4; 2 P—QB4, Kt—KB3; 3 P×P, Kt×P; 4 P—K4, Kt—Kt3; 5 Kt—QB3, Kt—B3; 6 Kt—B3, B—Kt5; 7 P—Q5, Kt—K4; 8 Kt×Kt, B×Q; 9 B—Kt5 ch, P—B3; 10 P×P, Q—Kt1; 11 P—B7 dis ch, Kt—Q2; 12 B×Kt mate.

Solution No. 5390: 1 B—R1, K—Q6; 2 R—Kt2, K—B6; 3 R—KK13.

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• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Bridge Odds Are Simplified Math

BY OSWALD JACOBY

THERE would be nothing to write about if this were a rubber bridge hand. South would win the opening heart lead and take nine tricks off the top.

The game was match point duplicate and South noted that four spades was a very logical contract. He also noted that at four spades the chances were that declarer would make four—odd so that while three no-trump

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WEST ♠42 ♥AQ1052 ♦Q6 ♣Q1075		EAST ♠1093 ♥976 ♦K543 ♣943
	SOUTH (D) ♠J87 ♥KJ4 ♦J97 ♣AK62	

No one vulnerable

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	1 ♥	1 ♠	Pass
1 N.T.	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 N.T.	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead—♥5

bid and made would be a nice rubber bridge score it wouldn't be worth a barrel of spoiled apples in duplicate.

After these considerations South decided that it was up to him to make four no-trump. There were two ways to do this. One would be to play West for both diamond honours but a better way would be to play him for the queen of clubs.

South now led the deuce of clubs from his own hand. It did not matter what West did. Actually he ducked and South grabbed dummy's jack of clubs and proceeded to run out 10 tricks for a top score.

Why was the club play better than the diamond play? South only had to find one card right for the club play to win but he had to find two cards right for the diamond play to work.

CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been:

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	?

You, South, hold:
♠A ♥865 ♦AK876 ♣K874
What do you do?

A—Bid five clubs. If your partner can take the second heart lead he should go on to six clubs. Otherwise, you want to be in game.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Your partner continues with a bid of five hearts. What do you do now?

Answer Tomorrow

TARGET

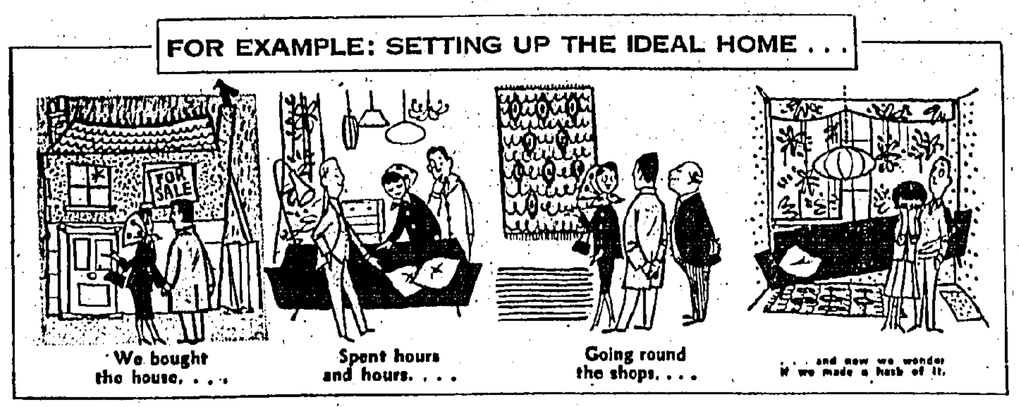
R	C	E
O	A	R
I	P	G

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left? In making each word, the letters in each of the small squares may be used once only, each word must contain the large letter in the centre square, and there must be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no foreign words; no proper names. TODAY'S TARGET: 20 words, good; 35 words, very good; 40 words, excellent. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: Coil cellule CELLULOSE close clue cole cull clos cusel foil lose lours lure lull ousel scull soil sloe slue spole sole soul.

WOMANSENSE

A bride's worst enemy!—that's what I call Panic Buying



SCHOOL FOR BRIDES (4)
TODAY: *by RUTH CLARKE*

PANIC-BUYING is a peril to which all brides are exposed, and the consequences of it can be disturbing and unpleasant. You can't get a separation order against a sofa you fall in love with on sight and quickly come to hate, or, unless you are rich, easily divorce ill-chosen divan beds.

Panic-buying is a product of time or money shortage, sometimes of both. It should, and it can, be avoided.

LOTS OF TIME

In my own case there seemed to be all the time in the world to equip a home. We had a year, based in a furnished country cottage, in which to house-hunt and build up a permanent home.

We dreamed of bargain-hunting forays to country auction sales, but quickly discovered that for these you need time, mobility and money, all at once.

If we ever had any time to spare we seemed to be specially short of money to spend. And our mobility was restricted to what we could do in a day on the heavy second-hand bicycles that my husband had provided as bridegroom's present to bride.

Time became an enemy. In the same fortnight, my son was born and we had notice to quit the cottage. Our household goods, apart from a papier-mache baby's bath and a cot (both borrowed), consisted of a silver toast-rack and a sink-tidy which whimsical friends had given us at the time of our austerity wedding.

We found a house—Victorian, ugly, and 60 miles from where we wanted to be.

Now all we had to do was to furnish. From scratch.

I set out to do the whole thing by telephone and by two short visits to London, where two old-fashioned stores at which our parents had shopped trustingly allowed us to open accounts.

I see now the madness of attempting what I set out to do. For I bought furniture as if I was buying week-end groceries with only five minutes left before the shops closed.

All the fun went out of what should have been a reasonably joyous operation (totally joyous if there were no such people as bank managers) because I tried to do too much too quickly.

I was scared that there might be in our new home a room of bare boards, uncurtained, empty of furniture, when we moved in.

BARE ROOMS

When I had ticked off the last item on my long, vague shopping list, and came to my senses, I began to wish I had had the courage to leave all but two of the rooms in the house bare and empty.

For that is the way to do it—do what you comfortably can and do that bit as well as money or time allows.

I threw money away on the wrong things. On curtains which shame me still but which looked promising in pattern-books. On bedside tables that a clown in delirium might have designed. On nursery linoleum of a hue that makes me cry.

Only three things I bought have stood the test of time—a frying-pan and the mattresses of our twin beds. "Don't stint money on mattresses," someone said, and I didn't, and they are still so good that nights in other people's beds are still something of a penance.

SOUR CREAM

Our house had been lived in for years by an ancient bachelor parson and his housekeeper. The paintwork was all vestry-brown. Over the telephone I ordered it to be changed. "What colour in the sitting room?" the painter asked. "Cream," I said. "And the hall? And the dining-room?" "Make it cream everywhere," I said.

That seemed the safe answer—and I have paid heavily ever since for playing safe. For how can you decorate a house until you have the feel of the place? Until you have lived with the shape of a room and got to know how daylight and artificial light affect it, how can you plan a colour scheme?

TWO-ROOM PLAN

If I had to set up house again from scratch, I'd work on a two-room plan. One room would be the kitchen, for that is where you will spend much of your time and it is operational headquarters for the whole house. The other room should be for relaxation— a sitting-room in which to entertain friends, or a bedroom in which to escape from them. The choice would depend on the local circumstances—the kind and quantity — of my friends.

—(London Express Service).

Her Top Secret

IT'S A WIG!

THE pretty girl in the picture has found the answer to all her hair problems. When her hair's looking jaded and she hasn't time to dash and get it done for a dance; when she's tired of being a blonde and doesn't want to be dyed a brunette; when she likes her hair long but craves that short cropped look, this lucky girl doesn't bat an eyelid. She puts on a wig—and her best enemy can't tell the difference.

The wigmaker is top Paris hairdresser **Carita**, who started by making them for all the **Givenchy** models.

Models don't like their hair cut, and hairdressers don't like seeing it grow too long. Carita compromised by making them wigs.

Now the models can be sleek and chignoned for the hat-showings, and burst out in the latest short coiffure when it comes to the evening clothes.

REAL HAIR

And Carita's elegant private clients are following suit at around £75 a time. One woman has ordered four wigs in four different colours.

The wigs are made of real hair, mounted on very fine nylon tulle, and cut and shaped on the head by Carita, who shows you how to put them on yourself.

Only one London beauty is known to be prepared to wear a wig. Top model **Sue Abrahams** has long, honey-blonde hair. Photographer **John French** had one made for her by a theatrical wigmaker.

The same wigmakers get occasional very discreet demands for a glamorous extra head of hair from private clients.

FOR EVENING

Hairdresser **Freddie French** commented sadly: "I made wigs two years ago and I think they are a superb idea. But no one was interested except the women who had to have them anyway."

He showed an evening wig again last September at the International Hair Show. One woman was very much interested. She was **Mlle. Carita**. Mr French's wigs, to order, cost from about £30 for plain brown hair to as much as £60 for an exotic redhead.

But nobody in London or Paris has gone as far as one New York fashion store which put on a show last week. They sent in a pretty model in a green broadtail coat with a pale green wig to match.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ....By STELLA

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

BORN today, you have an energetic, magnetic and demanding personality. You are strictly an individualist and are only happy when leading a procession. You have a keen analytical mind and the ability to express yourself clearly by either the spoken or the written word. In addition you can be depended upon to always have something important to say. You rarely chatter just for the sake of hearing yourself talk—and you dislike people who do it.

You are ambitious and determined to get what you want out of life. Your early years may not be easy ones, for you hold your ideals high and it will take time to achieve your goal. But you are willing to work hard and long hours to make good. Alert and observing, you know what is going on around you most of the time. Nothing escapes your eagle eye. You probably will make a fine detective, reporter or attorney for the defence. You leave no stone unturned in your investigation to get at the heart of a matter. You are not easily fooled and you are quite capable of breaking down a hostile witness and getting at the truth.

At some period in your life you may become interested in politics. But, unless allowed to go pretty much your own way, you would not be happy. You would not be the type to compromise your ideals for a few votes. Hence you probably would make a better crusader than a machine politician!

You have a strong love of the beautiful and will insist upon pleasant surroundings wherever you live. Your marriage should be a very happy and contented one.

Among those born on this date were: Sir Thomas Beecham, conductor; Oliver Ellsworth, U.S. Chief Justice; Lorado Taft, sculptor, Matthew Vassar, educator; William Harris, early president of Columbia College, and the Duke of Wellington, British naval hero.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—If in retail merchandising, you may anticipate a good business day. Friendliness and good will count for considerable.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Combine business and social events successfully. Might be a good evening to invite the boss home for dinner!

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Take an optimistic attitude toward life. Entertain close friends in your home, perhaps, and enjoy yourself.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Extend your horizon and make some new contacts. The social aspects of life can often increase your success potential.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—There is a spring romance in the air. Don't be so busy with business that you don't have time for some fun!

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Exert your personality and you will be able to advance in your career and enjoy life socially as well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Combine your personal interests with another and gain a mutual advantage. Partnership affairs are especially favoured now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—All work and no play can make life very dull. This is a day when you can achieve results by combining pleasure with work.

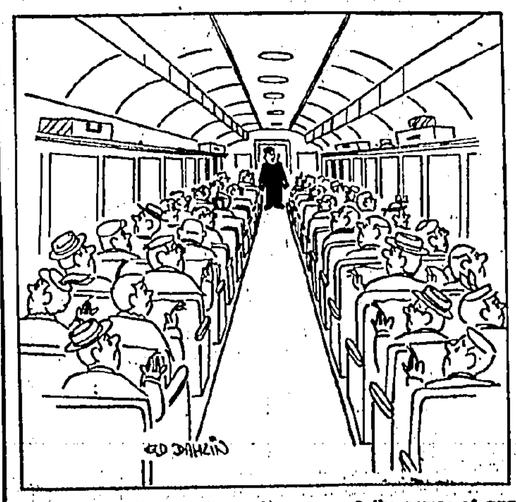
CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—If you have shopping that must be done, search out the advertisements in your local paper and go bargain-hunting!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—If you have business dealings with your in-laws, today is probably a good time to attend to them. Be tactful but firm.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Your plans of the past few weeks may now culminate with better results than you had hoped. Make some extra money perhaps!

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—You can gain a distinct advantage by being co-operative with others today. Work things out to your mutual benefit.

This Funny World



"End of the line! If I've mispronounced the names of any stations—I'm sorry."

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Willy And The Piglets

—He Tries To Teach Them Some Manners—

By MAX TRELL

BLINKY Mole was having quite a good laugh about it. He was sitting in his rocking chair by the fire, in his underground room, as he spoke to Knarf and Hanid, the Shadows with the Turned-About Names.

"Funniest thing I've ever heard," he said. "Just imagine Willy Toad trying to do that!"

Peals Of Laughter

Then Blinky burst into peals of laughter, louder than before.

"Just imagine Willy trying to do that!" he repeated. "Just imagine him trying to do that!"

Knarf and Hanid begged Blinky to tell the story from the beginning.

"You laugh so much, Blinky dear," said Hanid, "that we couldn't understand half of it."

Blinky Mole nodded, settled himself more comfortably in his rocking chair, lit his pipe and began again.

"Well, as I told you," said Blinky, "Willy Toad was invited to have dinner with Mr and Mrs Pig and the five Piglets."

"Were those the Piglets that went to market?" asked Knarf.

"I'm not sure," said Blinky Mole. "It may have been them. But that has nothing to do with this story about Willy."

"Please go on, dear," said Hanid.

His Best Clothes

"Willy Toad was invited to have dinner with the Pig family," Blinky started again, "and he appeared at the Pigsty in his best clothes.

"'I always dress for dinner,' Willy said to Mr and Mrs Pig, who greeted him at the door.

"'We think that's the right thing to do,' said Mrs Pig. 'I wish you could teach our five little Piglets good table manners.'

"'I'll be glad to,' said Willy. 'Where are they?'

"'They're playing in the mud,' said Mrs Pig.

"Willy went out into the back garden and, sure enough, there were the five little Pigs, sitting in the mud and making mud pies. The three boy pigs were dressed in dungarees and T-shirts and rubber sneakers.

"The two girl piglets were also dressed in dungarees, T-shirts and rubber sneakers, but their hair was tied in braids.

Tied In Braids

"'Children,' said Willy, as he stood for a moment looking at them, 'you're not going to stay clean very long for dinner if you keep on making mud pies. You'd better stop.'

"'We like making mud pies,' said the first boy piglet, 'here look at this one, Willy.'

"With that he threw his mud pie at Willy. It hit Willy in the middle of his new green coat.

"'And look at this mud pie,' said the first girl piglet, 'It's got pebbles in it and bits of carrot and tomato.'

The mud pies splashed all over poor Willy.—

"She threw the mud pie at Willy, too. It hit him on top of the head.

"At this, all the other piglets threw their mud pies at Willy. They hit him in different places—in the face, on his shirt, on his shoes and on his brand-new yellow trousers.

No Manners

"'Stop it!' shouted Willy. 'You pigs have no manners at all!'

"Willy started chasing after them. The five Piglets scattered through the mud. They jumped up and down in glee as Willy tripped and fell headlong into the mud.

"Half an hour later, the five Piglets came into the dining room of the Pigsty and asked for their dinner.

"'Oh, dear,' said Mrs Pig, 'you're as dirty as ever. I thought Mr Willy Toad was going to teach you table manners.'

"'By the way,' said Mr Pig, 'Where is Willy Toad?'

At this Blinky Mole chortled with laughter again.

"Well," said Knarf, "where was Willy?"

"Sitting in the mud," said Blinky. "All you could see was the whites of his eyes. The rest of him was black mud! Just imagine anybody trying to teach Pigs table manners, just imagine that!"

And Blinky laughed and laughed and laughed and so did Knarf and so did Hanid.

Rupert and the Silent Land—19

Releasing the spring-buffer from its loop Rupert scrambles back into the seat, straps himself in, and sees the Professor on the ground waving and wishing him good luck. Then he lets more gas into the balloon and up he goes, up and up into the blue. When he is at a great height he looks down. "I say, how fast we are going," he thinks as he watches the little fields far below moving past him. "I wonder if the Professor knows what speed this thing can do?" As he looks an uneasy thought strikes him and in a flash he switches off the propeller.

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BOBBY CHARLTON IS THE COMPLETE FOOTBALLER

...And He Has To Thank His Mother For It!

Says TOM FINNEY

The rules under which professional footballers are permitted to write articles say I cannot comment on how Bobby Charlton, England's new inside-right, played in the England v. Scotland match at Hampden Park.

Such is life! But as yet I've discovered no rule which bars me from giving my opinions about how a player shapes in practice *before* a game. So right here and now let me tell you that Bobby Charlton is one of the most impressive youngsters I've seen.

I put across the pass from which Bobby hit England's third goal—his first in international soccer.

Only Natural

He smashed it, almost contemptuously, straight out of mid-air. I can't remember seeing a greater goal.

What—in practice, of course!—impresses me more than any of his other qualities is this incredible ability he has of hitting absolutely anything with either foot without the slightest qualm or hesitation.

He looks the complete footballer. And, if you know his background, that's really only natural. He comes from the Milburn family, who are just about the most famous football thoroughbreds in the game.

Bobby's mother, Mrs Elizabeth Charlton, had four professional footballing brothers. Her cousin is the great "Wor Jackie." And Mrs Charlton's only disappointment in life is that, as a girl, she wasn't allowed to turn out for a League club!

But never fear. She's already made her contribution to English football — for she it was who taught Bobby the first rudiments of the game, as soon as he could walk.

The Tension

I'm hardly in a position to be able to comment on what the selectors thought of England's team at Hampden. But I hope they were at least satisfied.

From a player's point of view, it was certainly encouraging to notice that my colleagues weren't upset by the tremendous noise and tension of Hampden Park.

I didn't discover it until we were back in the dressing room, but seven of our team had never played there before — and an eighth, Bill Slater, had made his only previous appearance there as an amateur international.

Again, it is rather hard for me to comment on Scotland's showing. I do know, however, that my club colleague and Scotland's captain, Tommy Doherty, was very disappointed.

I think it was essential for World Cup confidence to put up a reasonable showing in this game. And the Scottish players, I know, weren't very satisfied with their own showing.

Crisis

Now from the international to a purely domestic crisis that occurred in England's dressing room immediately after the game.

Billy Wright, feeling particularly happy at having led England to another win, was brought up with a jerk as soon as he crossed the threshold. "Heard what happened at Wolverhampton?" asked one of England's officials. "Wolves beaten 3-0 by Preston!"

I was just having visions of a tremendous struggle for the League Championship when the official gave himself away by laughing. Only then did Billy Wright realise he was being kidded!

However, Tommy Doherty and I were there to be among the first to congratulate him and Bill Slater. Wolves are certainly worthy champions.

Full-Time Refs?

Finally, a word about an idea that has been with me for years: Is there a place in our English soccer set-up for full-time referees?

I don't join the critics who, this season particularly, have been making life pretty tough for referees. Like everyone in the game, I've played under bad ones as well as good ones.

But I would concede this point to all of them: They have far more responsibility in every match than any player in any game yet staged.

And I believe it's quite time we considered making it a recognised profession rather than a part-time-hobby-cum-part-time-job.

Whenever such a radical suggestion has been made in the past, it has been met by a storm of protests centred around the demand: what can they do all the week between matches?

The answer should be simple. To be 100 per cent efficient they must be as fit as any player. That takes time. And when they've finished training, they could be used to tremendous advantage by county associations to lecture referees in their areas.

As it is, there is very often a widely different interpretation of the rules across Britain. It is inevitable—there is no regular standardised advice from any one controlling body.

This would be a totally new field. But I'm positive its exploration would be a stride in the right direction.

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Famous Sports Stars I Have Met

PETER DOHERTY

By Archie Quick

Many years ago I was in the dingy bar of one of Ireland's most famous taverns, Kelly's Cellars in Belfast. In his rich Irish brogue and jerking his head towards the darkest recesses of the saloon, genial landlord Jimmy Tohill said: "See the gintleman in the corner, shmoking and supping his ale? He's the Uncrowned King of Ulster." I saw a tall, athletic figure, ginger-headed, twinkling eyes of the lightest blue, handsome face and of engaging manner. He'd kissed the Blarney Stone alright, I though, as I watched the hero-worship in the crowd that surrounded him.

It was my first meeting with Peter Doherty, considered by many the greatest inside-forward of all time. That was a summer over twenty years ago, and Peter was an irresponsible youth, with an insatiable love of dog racing and a distressing lack of knowledge about the ultimate winners! Add that to his natural Irish gaiety, and it was not surprising that Peter was always moving on from club to club in order to collect his accrued share of benefit money.

Shrewd Manager

Glenavon to Blackpool, to Manchester City, to Derby County, to Huddersfield Town, to Doncaster Rovers. That was the path the great Irishman took. The rolling stone came to rest in Doncaster, and the brain of a b'hoy became a shrewd club manager. He took the Rovers to the Second Division on a shoestring bank balance, discovered fine players like Harry Gregg and Alick Jeffrey, and then quite recently when a domestic storm broke over the Belle Vue club he moved on to guide the destinies of Bristol City.

Peter gained many "caps" — eighteen against the Home countries — and there would have been many more but for the War break during which he served in the RAF.

Doherty, who also fancies himself as a poultry farmer, has collected Ireland's finest side, International Championship, although he has lost the services of Jackie Blanchflower. Off the field Peter has moulded a great eleven; on the field skipper Danny Blanchflower sulks have been famous victories over Italy in Belfast and over England at Wembley. There is a big concensus of opinion that Doherty's men will prove to be the best of the four Home countries in the World Cup competition in Sweden in June.

John Charles On Loan To Play For Wales

London, Apr. 28.

John Charles, the Welsh International, on loan from his Italian Club "Juventus", was among the 17 players selected today by the Welsh Federation for the final round of the World Football Cup in Sweden.

The five other players will be selected on Monday. All the 22 Welsh players will go to Sweden.

Today's selection was:

Goal: Kelsey (Arsenal) and K. Jones (Cardiff).

Backs: Edwards (Charlton), Hopkins (Tottenham), and S. Williams (West Bromwich Albion).

Half-backs: G. Baker (Cardiff), Bowen (Arsenal), Crowe (Aston Villa), Sullivan (Cardiff) and M. Charles (Swansea).

Forwards: C. Jones (Tottenham), Medwin (Tottenham), I. Allchurch (Swansea), J. Charles (Juventus), Leek (Northampton), Vernon (Blackburn) and Webster (Manchester United). —France-Presse.

Finland Advances In Davis Cup

Luxemburg, Apr. 28.

Finland gained a 3-0 winning lead over Luxemburg in their first-round European Zone Davis Cup lawn tennis match at Mondorf Les Bains today when they won the doubles.

Reino Nyssonen and Sakiro Salo beat Gaston Wampach and Frank Baden of Luxembourg 6-1, 5-7, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Finland now meet Mexico, who had a bye in the first round.

India today completed a 5-0 victory over Monaco by winning the last two singles.

Ali Akta beat Georges Pasquier 6-3, 6-3, 6-4, and Ramanathan Krishnan beat Roland Borghini 5-7, 6-3, 6-2, 6-0.

Chile completed a 4-1 win over Turkey, and will meet France in the second round.

In the last two singles today, Rodriguez of Chile beat Suzan Gurel of Turkey 6-2, 6-1, 6-2 and Nazmi Bari of Turkey beat Achondo of Chile 3-0, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-0.—Reuter.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Programmes and Entry Forms for the 13th Race Meeting 1957/58 to be held on Saturday, 10th May, 1958, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Wednesday, 30th April, 1958.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

WORLD CUP SOCCER STADIUM

A view of Malmo Stadium in Sweden where some of the World Soccer Championship matches are to be played in June — provided it can be readied in time. Sweden has had a bad winter, and the stadium shows the signs of it.—Express Photo.

GEORGE WHITING INVESTIGATES

The Case Of The Confident Cop

If you want to know the time—don't ask P-c. 385, of the Berkshire Constabulary, keeper of the peace on the rural riverside beat of Sonning, Earley, and Woodley.

For P-c. 385, known as Stan Eldon to his pals down Reading and Windsor way, is slightly slap-happy on the subject of time and motion—having once had his athletic young life blighted and his wife, Marion, reduced to tears when he failed to recognise the difference between 2.45 p.m. and 3.15 p.m.

But introductions first. If you have not yet heard of 22-year-old Stan Eldon, I am assured that you very soon will. For, on the evidence of the stop-watch sticklers, this slight young sleuth with the raven hair is about to lick all creation on the athletics tracks of Europe this summer.

Over The Top

Move along there, please, Gordon Pirie and Derek Ibbotson. There's a policeman on your track—a policeman who aims to catch you, pass you, pulverise you and charge you with loitering after three miles when the sun begins to shine.

A policeman so fanatically keen that he deserted his bride for a daily dozen over the green fields of Guernsey during his recent honeymoon.

A policeman so confident that he came up with this kind of statement when I called for his testimony the other morning.

"I think I can beat both Pirie and Ibbotson. I've beaten them both at cross-country this winter and I am confident I can do likewise on the track over three miles.

"The only two runners I respect for the new season are Pirie and George Knight. Nobody else worries me, and that includes Ibbotson. Personally, I think he's over the top.

"Don't expect any world records from a country lad of 22, but you can say I've got it all mapped out. I feel I can do good times, better times than Pirie or Ibbotson — so why shouldn't I say so?"

'Made Me Ratty'

Did you ever hear such a confident cop? Maybe not, but P-c Eldon speaks with solid achievement, behind him—largely, inspired by the unknown shot-putter who knocked him flying at the impressionable age of 15. After all, you cannot do things like that to an embryonic policeman without retaliation.

"Made me really ratty. From then on I determined to have a go," snapped P-c 385.

Having a go meant mopping up all opposition at all distances at school and in the Army, and flopping in a pretty large way when it came to international recognition among the big shots of 1957.

"Definitely not a success," admits Eldon. "Alain Mimoun, the Olympic Marathon winner in Melbourne, ran me flat on my face in the six miles against France at the White City. I finished last in the 10,000-metres in Poland, sixth in the 3,000-metres in Finland, and fourth in the 5,000-metres in Germany. My running went all to pieces, and I was pretty depressed about the whole business."

Eye-Popping

Came the honeymoon with Maid Marion last October—and eye-popping success in the cross-country season now giving way to the summer swelter of the tracks.

Of 18 races, Eldon won 17—beginning a peak period with the Southern Counties Championship at Parliament Hill Fields in 49min. 50sec. for the nine-mile course, and hitting the history books with 40min. 29sec. to win the international title at Cardiff in March.

Disliking the hard, flat Cardiff course with its artificial hurdles, and remembering what Monsieur Mimoun had done to him on the track, Eldon belted so hard and so fast over the five-barred gates that even The Times was moved to compare the performance with those of such eminent cross-country practitioners as Shrubb, Holden and Sando.

Mimoun kissed him, everybody cheered, and young Stan Eldon reckoned he was duly recompensed for the tragedy and tribulations of the National Championships at Birkenhead a short while before.

It was here that our absent-minded policeman, having taken a week's leave and carted along all his relations to watch him perform, mistook the time of the race and arrived when the rest of the field were over the hills and far away.

But all's well that ends with Eldon's diamond-hard determination to repent on the track what he has started so resoundingly over the lumps and bumps of cross-country these last few weeks.

1,200 Miles

He has run 1,200 miles since January 1. He adds to his tally at the rate of 80-100 miles a week between spells of duty among the peace-loving villagers of Sonning, Earley and Woodley, and he tosses his wife's flat-irons around to flex the limbs that are going to eat space at the White City and points west this summer.

His 12-roomed police-owned house is knee deep in trophies guarded boisterously by a retriever named Simon. He is rarin' to go, Pirie, Ibbotson, and all other pedestrians are advised to hustle—or be booked for jay-walking.

—(London Express Service).
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45 Consecutive Parachute Jumps

Buenos Aires, Apr. 29.

Argentina's civilian parachutist, Tomas Ramon, today broke the world parachute jumping record with 45 consecutive jumps.

The former record of 40 jumps was held by his compatriot, Jose Medrano.

Using a manually operated rip cord and a 28-foot diametre parachute canopy, 29-year-old Ramon took six hours 44 minutes to complete the 45 jumps.

Eight parachute packers helped Ramon in his record-breaking jumps.

He has now made a total of 150 jumps since he was awarded his parachutist's certificate in 1950.—France-Presse.

English Cricket Season Opens

Cambridge, Apr. 28.

A sparkling 72 by E.R. (Ted) Dexter, the Cambridge captain, was the feature today of the University's friendly match with the champions, Surrey — the opening game of the English first-class cricket season. It was the second day of the match, but rain prevented a start on Saturday.

Put in to bat on a soft pitch, Dexter, a candidate for a Test place this summer against the New Zealanders, and his Australian partner, I. M. McLachlan, scored 99 before being separated. Then Surrey took complete control and Cambridge were dismissed for 164.

When Surrey batted May hit eight fours to complete his 50 in 69 minutes. Surrey, only 44 runs behind with eight wickets to fall, finished in a strong position.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

At Cambridge. — Cambridge University 164 (E. Dexter 72). Surrey 120 for 2 (T. Clark 53 not out, P. May 50 not out).

At Cardiff.—Glamorgan 188 (L. Devereux 54) and 19 for no wicket. Somerset 177 (C. McCool 64, M. Tremlett) 69 (two-day friendly).—Reuter.

3rd Division Promotion Undecided

London, Apr. 28.

The promotion battle in the Third Division Southern Section of the English Football League was still undecided after tonight's games.

Brighton, the favourites, lost 1-0 to Brentford and still need one point from their last game at home to Watford on Wednesday to gain promotion. They are third of three teams with 58 points and have the poorer goal average.

Brentford are top, with Plymouth second, but both have finished their programme. Defeat for Brighton on Wednesday would give promotion to Brentford.

Results in tonight's matches:

DIVISION I			
Newcastle	1	Burnley	3
DIVISION II			
Sheffield U.	1	Fulham	1
DIVISION III SOUTHERN			
Brentford	1	Brighton	0
Queen's Park	3	Shrewsbury	0
DIVISION III NORTHERN			
Darlington	3	Oldham	1
Hartlepools	1	Scunthorpe	2
Mansfield	2	Gateshead	0
York	3	Workington	0
SCOTTISH "A"			
Clyde	2	Queen o'South	1
Motherwell	1	Dundee	0
Rangers	1	St Mirren	0
SCOTTISH "B"			
Albion	1	Cowdenbeath	3
Dundee U.	1	Brechin	2
Forfar	3	East Stirling	1
Montrose	1	St Johnstone	0
Strathmore	0	Stenhousemuir	3
IRISH LEAGUE			
Ballymena	3	Glenavon	2
Cliftonville	0	Derry	2

—Reuter.

Kid Bassey To Fight French West African

London, Apr. 28.

Hogan "Kid" Bassey of Nigeria, World Featherweight Boxing Champion, will fight Jules Touna from French West Africa in a non-title bout scheduled for 10 rounds here on June 24.

This will be Bassey's first fight since he retained his title by knocking out Mexico's Ricardo Moreno in Los Angeles at the beginning of April.

This will be Touna's first fight in Britain.—France-Presse.

£16,000 Paid For Derek Hogg

London, Apr. 28.

West Bromwich Albion paid a transfer fee of £16,000 to Leicester City for its 28-year-old left-winger Derek Hogg, it was announced today.

Hogg plays his first match with West Bromwich Albion on Thursday against the Spanish team Bilbao.—France-Presse.

KID GAVILIAN IN TROUBLE

Havana, Apr. 28.

Cuba's former world welter-weight boxing champion, Kid Gavilan, was arrested here today for an automobile accident.

His car seriously injured a 60-year-old Chinese pedestrian, Jose Wu. — France-Presse.

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THE GAMBOLS . . . By Barry Appleby

WHAT IS IT THAT WINS THE WORLD CUP?

Sports Diary

TODAY

Soccer
International Series: Commonwealth v China, HKFC, 8.30 p.m.
Golf
Ladies': Deep Water Bay Stableford Foursome, 8.45 a.m.
Hockey
International: India v Ireland (SKP) 6 p.m.

TOMORROW

Hockey
Holland Cup: Army "A" v Recreio (SKP) 6 p.m.
Racing
Entries Close for 13th Race Meeting, Noon.

Dave Charnley's Next Fight

London, Apr. 29.

Dave Charnley, British Lightweight Boxing Champion, has been matched with Joey Lopes of California, the world's fifth ranking lightweight, over ten rounds at the White City Stadium here on June 3.

It will be a supporting bout to the British and Empire heavyweight title contest between Joe Erskine and Brian London.

Charnley has been promised that if he wins he will be given a world title chance against the winner of next month's World Championship contest between Joe Brown, the holder, and Ralph Dupas.

In another White City supporting bout, Yolande Pompey, of Trinidad, will meet Mike Holt, the South African, at the light-heavyweight limit of 12 stone 7 lbs (175 lbs) over ten rounds.

Promoter Jack Solomons is applying for the fight to be recognised as an eliminator for the world title held by Archie Moore.—China Mail Special.

SCRATCHED

London, Apr. 28.

Persian Rose was officially scratched from the 1,000 Guineas.—Reuter.

HOPE FOR THE HEARTS

Champions Of Scotland —And Now For The European Cup!

By TOMMY WALKER

(Manager of new Scottish League Champions Hearts)

London.

Champions of Scotland. Yes, it is a proud title, and we of Hearts are naturally proud that it belongs to us again—at long last.

But now we have reached the target it becomes clear that that target itself is only one more stepping stone; that there are other challenges to be met; greater heights to climb—if we are capable.

We are now conscious that next season we must stand up for Scotland against the best teams in Europe.

For we shall most certainly accept the challenge offered by the European Cup.

There is a stimulation about the thought that great teams like Real Madrid or Milan or so many others will be meeting us before our own folk in real competition; a different business, I feel, from the friendlies we have played before against Continental sides.

Of course, we haven't been able to think deeply about it yet. But it is evident that participation in the European Cup will mean a greater strain on the players. Some people may not think that a good thing.

Can Only Benefit

My view is that regardless of the extra strain of the moment, Hearts can only benefit in the long run. Most of our players are young in the game. They must surely become wiser and more proficient from a close-contact study of the methods and techniques of the top foreign teams.

So much for the future. But the present happily is still with us. And here I would like to say a personal thank you to the Tynecastle "team"—and that includes everybody.

From the top, our directors have offered every encouragement and have set an example in harmony which has permeated the whole "family." Because we are a family—cleaners, ground staff, office workers, trainers, players. It is not empty words to say all of them have made their contribution.

Team Achievement

Because it has been a team achievement, I shall single out only one player, and I am sure all his teammates would wish me to do that. He is our skipper, David Mackay.

David is a very young man to have had such responsibility thrust upon him. But he accepted it readily, and has given the team a lead and set an example to which they have all responded. He has had to miss our recent matches through injury, yet I am quite sure he has kicked every ball!

I should also like to offer a special tribute to our trainers, Johnny Harvey and Donald McLeod. Nobody outside the club can know just how much these two have done. But I will say that our record goal-scoring of this season was due very largely to these two.

They are always alive to new ideas. They have introduced many new techniques—and these techniques, I know, have done a great deal to help the players, often unconsciously.

As an example of just how keen our two trainers are, let me tell you that both have gone voluntarily to the FA Coaching classes in England for several years in succession.

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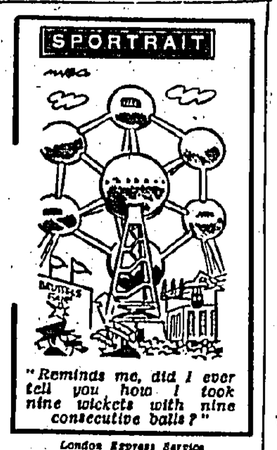
American Girls Win In Tiflis

London, Apr. 28.

The United States women's basketball team scored the first win of their tour of the Soviet Union when they beat a selected Georgia team 42-37, a Tass Agency report from Tiflis said tonight.—United Press.



London Express Service

Sheppard Not Available For Tests

London, Apr. 28.

The Reverend David Sheppard, 29-year-old England opening batsman, today announced that he will not be available for either the Test series against New Zealand this summer or the touring team going to Australia at the end of the year.

Sheppard, who has been "capped" 12 times for England, is chaplain to a welfare organisation in London's East End and feels he must give full attention to his work.

He has told his county, Sussex, that he will be available for only three matches with them during this season.

Many believe that Sheppard will never again play Test cricket.—China Mail Special.

Rugby Union

London, Apr. 28.

Results in tonight's Rugby Union matches were:

Barnstaple 22, United Hospitals 3.
Bridgewater 9, Cheltenham 3.
Maesteg 13, Newbridge 3.
Pontypridd 5, Aberavon 11.
Torquay 6, Gloucester 9.
Weston 3, Bristol 10.—Reuter.

The Final Victory May Go To The Team With The Shrewdest Manager

Says CHARLES STEPHEN

London.

In sport, as in other things of life, history sometimes repeats itself—or at least, gives a guide to future events.

One of the biggest events in the immediate soccer future is the sixth World Cup to be played in Swedon in June. What, judging by happenings in the previous five, is the likely outcome?

We take as our book of reference, "World Cup," a comprehensive history of the tournament by Brian Glanville and Jerry Weinstein (Robert Hale: 16s.). A study of it suggests that final victory in Sweden may well go to the team with the shrewdest manager.

Take the current champions, Germany. They came to the 1954 tournament as rank outsiders. The brilliant Hungarians, under the masterful direction of Gustav Sebes, were expected to walk away with the title.

The Germans could not match Hungary in soccer skills, but in manager Sepp Herberger they produced a planner to outwit Sebes.

Shrewd Move

Herberger's scheming was one of the main factors in Germany's sensational victory. His shrewdest move of all was to turn to his own advantage the complicated qualifying procedure.

This allowed that a team could lose one of its two qualifying games but get through to the quarter-finals by winning a play-off against a side already beaten.

Germany were due to play Hungary. Rather than tire out his star men, Herberber fielded a comparatively weak side, gambling on the fact that at full strength his team would be able to account for Turkey.

This is exactly what happened. Germany were swamped 8-3 by Hungary, but qualified by beating Turkey 7-2 in the play-off. They went on to beat Hungary in the final with a team that was a vastly different proposition from the one so heavily defeated earlier in the series.

In 1938, Italy, under the guidance of Vittorio Pozzo, became the only country to retain the World Cup they won four years earlier. In 1938, in the semi-final, they beat a Brazilian team which, man for man, was the best in the world.

Benevolent Despot

Glanville and Weinstein describe Pozzo as "a stern though benevolent despot." His maxim was: "If I let the players make mistakes, I would lose my authority."

In 1950, when the World Cup was resumed after the war, the talented Brazilians were once again favourites. They got to within one match of final victory.

But Uruguay, under manager Colonel Volpe, worked out a plan to contain Brazil's brilliance and so regained the title they won in the first tournament in 1930.

If the 1958 World Cup is to be won by the team with the best manager, past history also suggests that the tournament will not pass without a flare-up, on the field or off it.

We remember too well the "Battle of Berne" in 1954 when the game that should have been the match of the century ended in free fights between Hungarians and Brazilians. Yet this was a mild scuffle compared with the "Battle of Bordeaux" in 1938, when Brazil played Czechoslovakia.

Marching Orders

As Glanville and Weinstein record: "Three players were given marching orders by the Hungarian referee, Hertzko; Machados and Zeze of Brazil and Czech Riha. Goalkeeper Plaincka and inside-left Nejedly of Czechoslovakia finished up in hospital, the former with a broken right arm, the latter with a fractured right leg. The Czech right-half, Kostakek, received a nasty stomach injury, and the Brazilians Peracio and Leonidas limped off the field at the end.

Why should such a splendid tournament as the World Cup, aimed at fostering international sportsmanship, be soiled by such disgusting scenes?

It's the old story of sport taking a back seat to national prestige and politics.

The tone was set at that first World Cup in 1930. It was on the whole a well-fought tournament with no really grave incidents on the field, and the final between Uruguay and Argentine was an extremely sporting match.

But being good losers meant nothing to the Argentine fans. On the eve of the match they gathered in their thousands, chanting "Victory or Death," for hours on end.

Victory denied them, they stoned the Uruguyan Consulate in Buenos Aires, and only the intervention of the police, who opened fire to disperse the crowds, prevented more serious disturbances.

As a result, Brazil and Uruguay have never since taken part in a World Cup series in which the other has competed.

Concluding their account of this first tournament, Glanville and Weinstein write: "The first chapter of the World Cup was closed. There could be no mistaking the omens, The World Cup was a battle of prestige, of national honour. Its destiny was now inevitable."

Everything On Golf

Do you want to know anything about golf? Do you want to know EVERYTHING about golf?

If you do (and what golfer doesn't), then thirty shillings invested in the 1958 edition of "The Golfer's Handbook," published by The Golfer's Handbook, Edinburgh, will yield rich dividends.

Its 1,069 pages tell what is going on and what has gone on in golf all over the world. Details of victories in tournaments from the Chinese Amateur to the Cheshire Ladies events are all recorded. So are all the laws of the game, which, together with explanations, take up 115 pages.

Mundane Message

"SNOW CONDITIONS BAD STOP ADVANCED BASE ABANDONED YESTERDAY STOP AWAITING IMPROVEMENT STOP ALL WELL."

This was the seemingly cheerless and mundane message received in a London newspaper office on the night of June 1, 1953. Decoded, it revealed the greatest newspaper story of the century: "Summit of Everest reached on May 29 by Hillary and Tenzing."

The sender was James Morris, the only journalist to accompany Sir John Hunt's expedition. The newspaper office was that of The Times. Morris' employers, who had helped to finance the assault on Everest.

Had The Right

So The Times had the right to get the news first. But how was this to be ensured? Messages had to be relayed by runners and radio. During the two days it took the news to get to London it might easily be intercepted.

So Morris decided to use the code method which he describes in "Coronation Everest" (Faber and Faber: 16s.) as "splendid old-fashioned journalism."

This phrase also sums up the book. Just as the climbing of Everest itself, a battle between man and the elements, makes refreshing reading in this atomic age, so does the story of how the news was got back to the waiting world from the splendid isolation of the Himalayas.

Women's Angle

For the woman's angle on the Himalayas I recommend "Mountains and Memsahibs" (Constable: 21). This is the exciting story of how four women—a nursing sister, a housewife, a research worker and a field geologist—showed that mountaineering is no masculine preserve.

It is told by the women themselves, Joyce Dunsheath, Eileen Gregory, Hilda Reid and Frances Delany, who set foot where no man or woman had ever trod.

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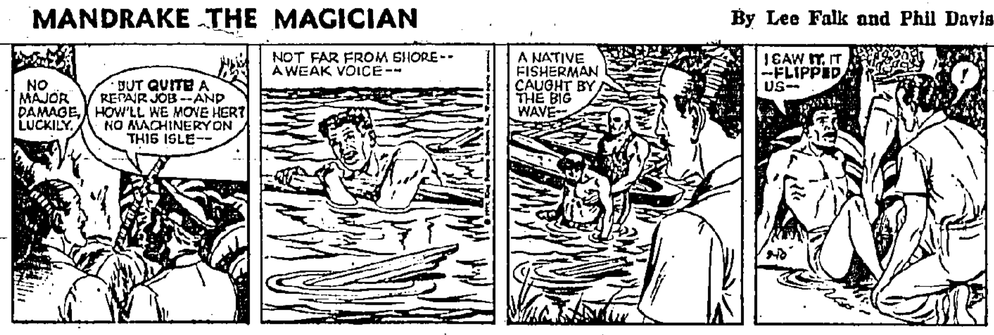
MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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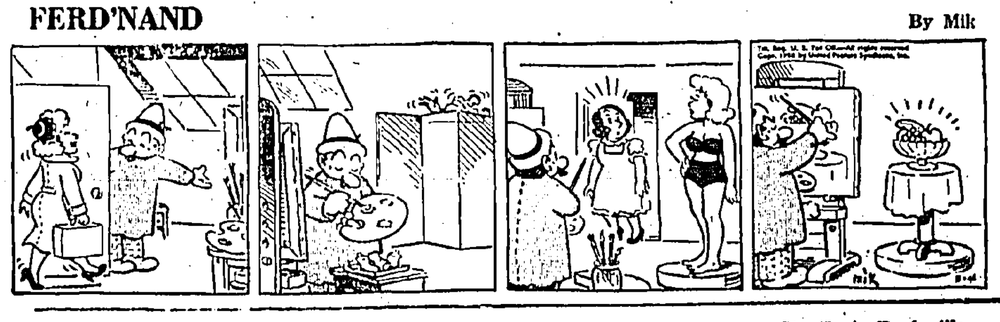

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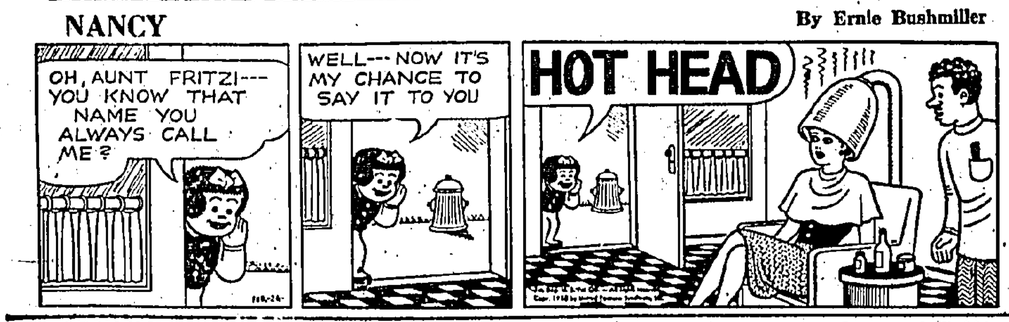

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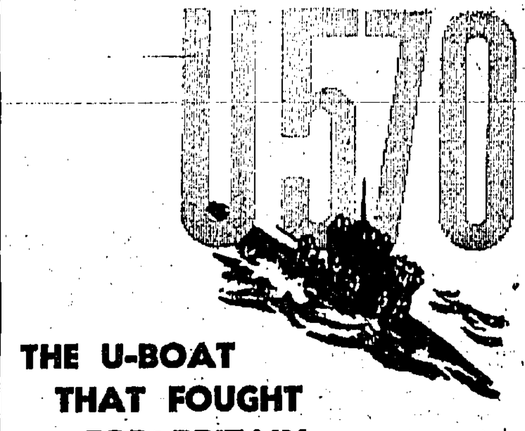

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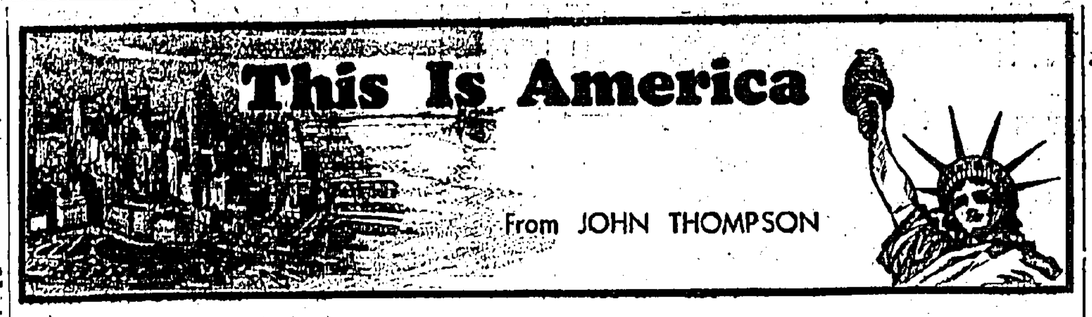

New York (By Airmail).

NEW YORK'S theatres face a crisis: In danger are the so-called "off Broadway" houses which seat fewer than 300 people.

In the past six years there has been a fantastically rapid growth in the number of theatres off Broadway. (They are called this to distinguish them from the big-capacity houses "on Broadway.")

Small new theatres bud in such places as abandoned night clubs, churches, and former cinemas. Even the number that exist varies from week to week. Some die almost as quickly as they are born. Last week there were 40.

But what is sure is that they now face, taken together, a crisis of success.

With success has come higher production costs. Box office vigour has brought demands from the unions.

The back-stage men want their cut from these prosperous days.

Now some of the little theatres charge nearly $5 (£1 15s.) for a seat.

And there high prices are driving customers away from the flourishing theatres they helped to build up.

ONE Los Angeles hospital presents each new father with a recording of his baby's first wails.

A 29-YEAR-OLD Chicago man told his wife: "If it ever comes to a choice between you and the dog I would prefer to have the dog."

After Richard Korff walked out, his wife complained the apartment was not big enough for her and his dog Martini. A judge ruled that if nobody would take the dog it would have to go to the kennels.

So now Korff has decided to live up to his words—and take Martini rather than his wife.

ENGINEER James Rogers has confessed in New Jersey to robbing 30 women. He said: "I've wanted to surrender for a long time. I couldn't sleep at nights."

A BAR in New York has a notice that reads: "The President says 'BUY.' Large beer 5 cents. Choice brands." And since the sign went up there has been a stampede that makes the Gold Rush look tame.

Five cents? That's nickel. And that's fourpence.

This is the best buy-now anti-slump idea that any New Yorker has had yet.

Normal price for beer here is about 45 cents (3s.) for American brands—more for imported.

Said the bar's owner: "I'm charging 1915 prices."

His profit? "A keg costs me $14 (£5) and by selling beers for a nickel I still make a profit of $1 (7s. 2d.)."

And the customers' view? Beer at a nickel a time has easily ousted the five cent fare to Staten Island (with its spectacular view of Manhattan's skyline) as the best value for money in this expensive city.

MORE ANTI-RECESSION NEWS:—

● Business men in Dallas, Texas, are wearing pocket display handkerchiefs with "Business is great" in blue lettering.

● The head of a plastics factory in Bristol, Rhode Island, gave his 130 employees $6,000 (£2,142) last week and told them to go out and spend it. He said he was following President Eisenhower's prescription to end the recession.

A MILWAUKEE youth, asked in court why he threw a 9lb. rock through the bedroom window of his ex-girl friend, replied: "Because I didn't want to disturb anyone else in the house." He was put on a year's probation.

SYMBOLS scratched on a flagstone at the home of Eugenio Gaytan and his family in Dallas were thought to mean that a fortune in Spanish gold was hidden under the home.

The Gaytans started digging. Last week when they had dug 26ft. below the house, a lawyer who had once lived there turned up and told them:—

His brother and another boy found the symbols on "treasure maps" 50 years ago—and copied them on the flagstone.

A HOLD-UP man jumped from a cab last week after robbing a cafe and ran up Broadway, shooting as he went. Shoppers from Macy's and Gimbel's stores took cover in doorways. The gunman was caught after a duel with a policeman. Both were wounded.

HERE is another success report on The Boy With the World In His Hands—14-year-old Laurie London, now in the United States for radio and television appearances.

Figures out show his first disc, "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands," is now on top of the sales hit parade and is nearing its million sales mark. It is also the favourite of the disc jockeys and the No. 5 juke-box tune.

While Laurie, from North London, drank tomato juice and ate bread and butter and lettuce, his favourite refreshment in America, his father told me that since Laurie's success on the Ed Sullivan show last week the telephone has been buzzing with new offers.

Those the Londons are most likely to accept: Appearing on the Perry Como show and touring with Negro singer Nat King Cole.

A CALIFORNIAN schoolteacher has left money so that her four pet hens will be looked after. She willed that she did not want them eaten.

FIFTEEN HUNDRED screaming women staged a wild riot at a huge bingo (housey-housey) party in Brooklyn last week. They said it was a "crooked game," and demanded their money back.

The operators of the game—still illegal—fled in panic.

The party was staged in the Brooklyn Arena where many boxing matches are held. The promoters were so alarmed at the riot that they telephoned for the police, switched off the lights, and fled with the takings.

Minutes later the police arrived and faced a crowd of women hooligans scrambling in the dark. Thirty were arrested.

PANTY raids by men students at Ohio State University were quelled by police last week with tear-gas. Twelve students were fined $25 (£8 18s.) and costs.

THE REVEREND Torbert H. Milby, librarian at the Methodist National College of Christian Workers in Kansas City, Missouri, spoke up for Mrs Sheila Winkley, the Timperley, Cheshire, mother who has offered to give away her unborn fourth baby. "Sure I wrote her a letter of congratulations," said 31-year-old Mr Milby. "I think she was expressing views more common than you would think."

His letter calls her "a great reformer" and thanks her "for all of us who share your feeling of revulsion for small babies."

Mr Milby and his wife have one son, 11-month-old Lyall. Another baby is due in October.

"I wasn't certain I wanted the first baby," he told me. "Perhaps I wasn't ready for the experience. I feel different now, it's true. But when I heard about the second baby I felt complete dismay.

"I believe more people have ambivalent* feelings about their children than is generally accepted. Some of those criticising Mrs Winkley could be trying to suppress similar feelings of their own."

*It means alternate love and hate.

A HUSBAND in New Jersey stayed at home with a cold last week, instead of turning out to vote for his wife in the local Republican Committee elections. She lost by one vote.

BIG TIME New York had a home-town occasion last week in the "Salute to Spring Festival."

The Sanitation Department band, dressed like purple Druids, played on a platform outside the giant public library in Fifth Avenue. The Rockefeller Centre choir sang, the Ballet Theatre danced.

Other highlights were the blonde wife of Mayor Robert Wagner in a mink coat and a lavender wig-style hat, and actress Susan Strasberg in a red suit and spectacles reading Whitman's poem "Mannahatta —city of spires and masts! My city! My city!"

When she finished the tallest spire in the world, the television mast on top of the 1,472ft. Empire State Building, winked its lights.

MARTINI, a lion at the Bronx Zoo, is being recorded on stereophonic sound. So soon it won't be necessary to go up to the zoo to hear the animals. Just put on a record—and Martini will roar by the fireside.

AMERICAN landscape artist 38-year-old John Potter Wheat, said to have been shot by his wife (also 38) after a midnight quarrel, is seriously ill in hospital at Stamford, Connecticut.

The couple's two young children slept through the shooting, and went to school without knowing that their father was fighting for his life and that their mother was in gaol.

Police later released her on bail of $15,000 (£5,350). She drove home, calm and composed.

SIX former Customs inspectors have been accused in Washington of smuggling haberdashery worth $150,000 (£53,600) into the United States in the last three years.

MY WIFE and I had a visit from the "Welcoming Committee" for our district. In person the "committee" was a charming woman who brought us tokens for:—

A moving-in supply of light bulbs, free laundry for five shirts, hair shampoo or set, bouquet of flowers, after-shave lotion, dry-cleaning one major item—plus the offer of an "age-eleven toy" for a child we do not yet have.

HUSBAND Sid Luft confirmed that he and Judy Garland are reconciled—once again.

CARL DURHAM, chairman of the Congress Atomic Energy Committee, discloses that during last year 184 Russian submarines were sighted off the Atlantic coast of the United States.

They were scouting the guided missile range that runs from Cape Canaveral down into the South Atlantic, he said in a speech at North Carolina.

Durham said the submarines were sighted as close to shore as seven miles—and the navy photographed them.

THOU shalt not steal, but when the manager of a New Jersey cinema got back to his office from supervising a queue outside for "The Ten Commandments," $2,000 (£714) was missing.

TWO THOUSAND mothers held a protest parade outside Mayor Wagner's office in City Hall last week. Their complaint: that New York is skimping on its schools in its gigantic so-called "austerity budget."

The budget is for just under $2,000 million (about £714 million).

The mothers had banners calling for a "Better Budget for Better Education." Many brought their children with them. They met outside the City Hall in a warm haze of spring sunshine.

It was a good-humoured meeting. Most of the cries of anger were from tiny children who objected to their mothers not giving them all their attention.

A deputation of parents went into City Hall, argued with Mayor Wagner, and demanded that more taxes should be levied to provide enough cash for better schools.

THE PARENTS spoke of the "self-inflicted amputations" in school spending condoned by the City's Board of Education under pressure from the mayor's campaign to keep the budget down.

THE PARENTS also demanded higher pay for teachers. They pointed out that only one in every four children entering high school in New York was able to read properly.

THE PARENTS stressed their anxiety about the connection between poor schooling and juvenile crime.

PAIN-KILLING drug, said to be 100 times stronger than morphine, has been produced in a San Francisco laboratory.

MARRIED high school pupils pose a major problem here for the authorities. It is disclosed that 290,000 boys and girls under 18 are married (284,000 of them are girls).

Another 15,000 under 18 are widowed or divorced. Says the report: "Fifteen to 20 per cent of all college students are married, and the practice is rapidly filtering down to the high school."

A FUR COAT worth $500 (£178) stolen from a Kentucky cafe was posted back with a letter to the proprietor asking him: "Please return to owner."

T. S. ELIOT, born in St Louis, Missouri, 69 years ago, has arrived in New York with his 31-year-old second wife, Esme.

He said: "I've come to introduce her both to the US and to my relatives and friends." While he is here he will give three readings from his own poems—two in Texas, one in New York.

Of poetry he said: "If you want to write it you must make a living some other way." And of play-writing: "At most a gamble. Success with one play is no assurance you will go on succeeding."

TWO hold-up men took $127 (£45) from customers in a New Jersey bar, then handed back $7 (£2 10s.) to a woman who pleaded she had not her bus fare home.

SCRAP METAL merchant Carl Renda was awarded damages of $400,000 (£143,000) against Walter Reuther's United Auto Workers' Union in Detroit last week.

Renda charged the U.A.W. with malice in accusing him of being connected with an attempt to assassinate Reuther in 1948. (Reuther's right arm was shattered when a gun was fired through the kitchen window of his home.)

NEW YORK authorities plan to send investigators to homes of city transport workers who report sick.

Hotels Urged To Have Better Drinking Conditions To Exist

By ALAN TYE

Sydney, April 28.

HOTELS in New South Wales, Australia's major State, are fighting for their existence against a tough rival, the licensed club.

In 1956, hotels lost £A7,500,000 (£6,000,000 sterling) in trade to these clubs which, in recent years, have increased in popularity throughout the State.

To find out the reason for the loss of customers to the clubs, the United Licensed Victuallers' Association, the body controlling most hotels in the State, conducted a State-wide survey.

The report, recently published, indicated that the main reason for the success of the clubs was a change in the drinking habits of the average Australian.

Recommended

To meet the challenge from the clubs, the report recommended a sweeping overhaul of drinking conditions in hotels and the re-education of licensees. Unless this is done, it said, the "downhill slide, which seems to be getting worse," will force many hotels to close.

The mainstay of the ordinary Australian hotel is the bar. When customers fall off, so do hotel takings. Apart from a few big hotels, accommodation is of secondary importance.

A "win back hotel customers" campaign was recommended in the report, which was prepared by a team headed by the Senior Lecturer in the Department of Education at Sydney University, Mr Hugh Philip.

The report said the campaign should present the publican as "a family man, a member of a church and a citizen with civic interests." Seats should be provided in bars and hotels must be cleaner and quieter. Australian drinkers, it declared, were no longer satisfied with the old habit of standing at the bar. They were looking for more comfort, much of which was being provided by the clubs.

There are nearly 1,000 registered clubs in this State. Their trading hours on weekdays are identical with those of hotels—they close at 10 p.m.—but in addition they can serve liquor to members on Sundays provided that the drinkers are seated at tables.

Prosecutions

The report revealed that New South Wales has 1,416 hotels fewer now than 65 years ago although the State's population has more than trebled in that time. Club licences increased from 65 in 1940 to 928 in 1956, and nearly 150 prosecutions are pending against hotel licensees on charges relating to alleged adulteration of liquor and the sale of liquor falsely described.

The report said in eleven years the hotels' share of the drinking trade had fallen by seven per cent while the clubs' share had risen by eight per cent. "If hotels had been able to compete with clubs and keep their liquor market they would have taken £A7,500,000 more into their tills in 1956 than they actually did," it continued. "These extra takings would have averaged about £A70 (£58 sterling) a week more to each hotel in New South Wales.

The findings of the report, based on replies to questionnaires sent to 2,600 members of the public picked from the voters' register, and 800 hotel owners, revealed these facts about the average drinker:

Divorced people have a heavier drinking rate than the rest of the population, and single people drink much more than married people.

Widows and widowers claim to drink less than any other group.

While beer is easily the most popular drink, there is a relatively high proportion of spirit drinkers in the 20 to 29 age group.

Asked "with whom do you drink as a rule?" most men showed a preference for drinking with workmates, colleagues or business friends, while women tended to drink with their husbands.

Asked in what company they preferred to drink, 22.5 per cent of those questioned said in male company only; 20.5 per cent said mixed company; and 0.4 per cent said female company.

Should Exclude

More than 70 per cent of drinkers said that women should be excluded from hotel bars and almost everyone agreed that they preferred to sit down when drinking—which produced the comment: "This should be of particular interest to every hotel-keeper. There has probably been more adverse publicity aimed at hotels on perpendicular drinking—the stand-up crush—than on any other ground."

In a final analysis on why the clubs were drawing more drinkers than the hotel bars, the report said: "The reasons which do count are the same as those which influence people to drink in a particular hotel—cleanliness, good service, politeness and comfort."

In four pages of recommendations, the report urges action to encourage hotel-keepers to satisfy the public's requirements by:

★ Serving snacks or counter lunches;

★ Supplying seats or stools in all drinking areas, including bars used by men only;

★ Increasing the attractiveness of such places as lounges which already have seats;

★ Avoiding the use wherever possible of small parlour-type rooms for drinking;

★ Providing a customer with a fresh glass for every drink unless he specifically requests otherwise;

★ Concentrating on good service; and

★ Improving facilities to encourage mixed drinking.

Swill Houses

The plight of the hotels has aroused no sympathy either from the editorial writers or from the general public. A survey of Sydney people conducted by the Telegraph showed that drinkers regarded the hotels as "swill-houses" which provided few, if any, social amenities.

The Sydney Sun explained the move away from the hotels this way:

"In the days when the pub-keepers had the ball at their feet, they kicked the public instead. The people banded together for their own protection, and made their own clubs, where they could get the amenities which the pubs could have provided, but did not. Now, the public is under 'competitive fire,' and everyone who reads the report issued this week will weep great glycerine tears."

The State Government is expected to give consideration to the recommendation in the report that two types of hotel licences should be introduced. One would provide for the "inn" —a hotel supplying liquor, meals and accommodation. The other would provide for a "public house" which, as in England, would supply only liquor, and snacks or meals.—China Mail Special.

MOST TEENAGE GIRLS HAVE FOOT TROUBLE

Johannesburg, Apr. 29.

SEVENTEEN of every 20 European girls in South Africa have deformed feet by the age of 15, according to a survey carried out by the Leather Industries' Research Institute at Grahamstown.

The main cause is badly-fitting shoes.

A team from the Institute photographed and measured the feet of 10,000 girls at 20 schools in the Union's main cities and towns.

They found foot defects among 85 per cent of girls of 15—all, with the exception of bursitis which may be inherited, the result of wearing shoes wrong in shape, size fitting or style.

An Institute spokesman said a growing child should wear shoes that give some support and fit correctly.

"It is dangerous," he added, "for foot-conscious girls to buy shoes that are too small or to ignore the best fitting shape and style."

A Johannesburg doctor said he was not surprised at the result of the survey.

"I have referred case after case to foot specialists," he added "and every patient walked into the consulting room with the cause of the complaint right there—on her feet.

TORTURE

"After treatment most of the women walk out still wearing those modern instruments of torture.

"Some women, the sensible ones, heed the warning. They buy low-heeled shoes of the right size. They put elegance (and bunions, callouses and weakened arches) at the back of their shoe cupboards.

"But unfortunately many do not."—China Mail Special.

China Mail Entertainment Guide

WHAT'S ON TONIGHT

ROXY & BROADWAY: "Fraulein." Dana Wynter and Mel Ferrer in war-torn Berlin.
KING'S & PRINCESS: "The Sad Sack." A Jerry Lewis comedy.
HOOVER & LIBERTY: "Raintree County." Montgomery Clift and Elizabeth Taylor in a Civil War romance.
STAR: "Ivan." An Italian adventure.
METROPOLE: "The Fighting O'Flynn." Douglas Fairbanks, jnr.
ASTOR: "All Mine To Give."
LEE: "Underwater Romance." A Japanese picture.
QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA: "The Last Paradise." Life in the South Seas.
ORIENTAL: "Desert Rats." Richard Burton.
MAJESTIC: "The Unholy Wife." Diana Dors, Rod Steiger.
CAPITOL: "Saint Joan." Richard Widmark.
RITZ: "Spanish Affair." Richard Kiley.

Audio And Visual Entertainment

RADIO HONGKONG

5.30 p.m., Not for Squares; 6, Time Signal, Eddie Barclay and his Dance Orchestra with Emil Stern (piano); 6.30, Youth Makes Music; 7, The Soviet Army Ensemble cond. by Colonel Alexandrov; 7.15, The Naturalist, No. 2 "Dinosaurs"; 7.30, Come into the Parlour. Music from the North of England; 7.58, Weather Report; 8, Time Signal. The News; 8.10, Commentary; 8.15, My Word—No. 6, A panel game introduced by John Arlott; 8.45, Monia Liter and his orchestra; 9, Time Signal. Just a year ago compiled and presented by Ted Thomas; 9.30, Concerto for Piano and Orchestra No. 1 in F sharp minor Op1 (Rachmaninoff); 9.58, Weather Report; 10, Time Signal. The News and Home News from Britain; 10.15, Night Cap presented by Ted Thomas; 10.55, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal, Radio News Reel; 11.15, And so to Bed; 11.30, Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

2 p.m., Musical Matinee; 2.30, Partners in Song—The Four Freshmen; 4, Tea Time Rendezvous; 4.30, Vocally Yours—Jack Smith and the Clark Sisters, the Crew, Ronnie Harris and the Harris Sisters; 5, Children's Corner—Presented by Auntie Ray; 5.30, Progressive Jazz—presented by Ray Cordeiro; 6, Sidney Torch and his Orchestra; 6.30, Birthday Mail-bag; 6.50, Band Call—Dick Jurgens and his Orchestra; 7, Personality Parade—Joel Grey; 7.15, Evening Serenade; 7.30, Music by Manhowani; 7.45, Story Of Jane Armitage; 8, Time Signal And the News; 8.09, Weather Forecast. Announcements and Interlude; 8.15, Violin Recital By Henry Kessler; 8.30, On The Other Side—Presented by Nick Kendall; 9, A Case For Dr Morelle. Episode 1—"Alarm Call"; 9.30, The Enchanted Hour; 10, Music Hall Varieties; 10.30, Moods In Music; 11, Date With Dreamland; 11.30, Prelude To Midnight; 12 Midnight, God Save The Queen; Close Down.

TELEVISION

5 p.m., Children's Hour—Cartoons; 6.15, Children's Film; 6.30, Circus Boy in "Corky's Big Parade"; 6, Close Down. 7.30, Television Concert Hall; 8, "The Honour, Homer Bell"; 8.30, "Meet Lilli Palmer" (First Televised on November 13, 1957); 8.45, Concert Miniature; 9 Newsreel; 9.15, Cabaret Card (Chinese) Presented by Peter Pun; 9.30, Evening Features; "To Have and To Hold"; 10, Late Night Flash; Close Down.

Mail Notices

TUESDAY, APRIL 29
By Air
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Canada, U.S.A., 8 p.m.
Hawaii, 6 p.m.
Korea, 8 p.m.

By Surface
Japan, Hawaii, U.S.A., C. & S. America, 3 p.m.
Malaya, Aden, Great Britain, Europe, 5 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30
By Air
Formosa, Okinawa, Japan, 10 a.m.
Philippines, North Borneo, Nouméa, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 3 p.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Nouméa, Korea, 6 p.m.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

THE BIG PROBLEM OF INADEQUATE RESERVES

Plan For Int'l Co-operation

A New Fighting Attitude In Britain

By RONALD BOXALL

London, Apr. 28.

Without giving much away, the British Government has quietly allowed it to become known over the past few days that there is a plan afoot for some new form of international co-operation to overcome the problem of inadequate reserves.

Talks have already been held with the United States and the topic is due for a thorough airing at the Commonwealth economic conference at Montreal in September.

Briefly, the problem is this: the world's reserves of gold and foreign exchange rose from $27,650 million in 1937 to $60,800 million at the end of 1956. But the value of world trade rose in that period nearly twice as fast. Moreover, Britain, which finances nearly half the world's trade, does so with only 3½ per cent of the world's reserves.

One reason for the inadequacy of the world reserves is that although the price of practically every commodity entering into world trade has risen substantially since the war, the price of gold remained unchanged.

This has worried economists and finance ministers for years, but the problem has now become urgent, and at last something seems likely to be done about it.

FIRST HINT

The first hint of this came in Mr Heathcoat-Amory's budget speech. Discussing recent questioning of the value of the sterling area, he said: "I believe the problem of world liquidity and of ensuring the strongest possible base for trade of the free world is a matter of increasing importance and urgency."

After that, the British Government lifted the lid on their plans a little higher.

The Prime Minister, Mr Macmillan, told a Canadian newspaper publisher that a plan to create a Commonwealth organisation along the lines of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, would be put to Commonwealth countries at the conference next Autumn.

"All Commonwealth countries," he pointed out, "are looking for more investments, but not all of us save enough to make such an investment possible.... I believe that if we create an organisation after the fashion of the International Monetary Fund or the World Bank, it will develop into a most important means of expanding Commonwealth trade and also trade between Commonwealth countries and other parts of the world."

While Canadians were reading this, Chancellor Amory was telling the House of Commons: "In a few weeks' time there will be a meeting of Commonwealth officials at which it is hoped that (the problem of injecting more hard currency into world trade) will be discussed further. There are a number of solutions, but all involve some expansion of the scale of existing international co-operation."

There had already been talks between British and American officials, the Chancellor revealed, about long-term financial liquidity and other problems.

SEVERAL WAYS

There are several ways of tackling the problem of liquidity, and all of them depend on American co-operation. The simplest way would be to raise the price of gold, and this is what the British Government would like to see happen. But the chances of getting Americans to agree to this are negligible.

The last time the question was raised, America put forward an argument that an increase in the price of gold would cause galloping inflation in the United States. But the real reason for their intransigence is that the biggest single benefactor from a higher price of gold, next to America itself, would be Russia.

The alternative is to expand the resources of existing organisations for world economic co-operation, or to create a new one modelled on European payments Union to smooth trade and payments between dollar and non-dollar worlds.

The suggestion in this week's statements that Britain will not necessarily wait for America to make up its mind, but will take the initiative within the Commonwealth, underlines the determination of both major British parties to prevent the sterling area going out of business for want of hard currency.

In his budget speech, Mr Heathcoat-Amory summarised arguments in favour of maintaining the machinery of the sterling area and added emphatically: "We do not intend to tamper with this system, which is working well."

THREE POINTS

Mr Harold Wilson, Socialist "Shadow Chancellor" was even more emphatic in his defence of the sterling system. "We reject the notion that Britain can pull out of the sterling area," he said. And he gave three reasons why Socialists see eye to eye with Conservatives on this issue.

- Britain could not repudiate her liabilities.
- If she abdicated her position as world banker, there was no one to take her place—"certainly not the Americans."
- The sterling area strengthened as a trading as well as a financial unit, "and not weakened as it has been recently" is vital to Commonwealth economic unity.

Mr Wilson hoped that this whole subject would shortly be given a debate to itself in the House of Commons, and called for an international economic conference to discuss world liquidity, world development and commodity price stabilisation.

After some of the gloomy forecasts of fate that lies in store for the sterling area, this new fighting attitude makes a pleasant change. One can only hope the champions of sterling fulfil the promise when they get into the arena.—Express.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

New York, Apr. 28.

Cotton futures opened the new week with prices buoyant and trading moderately active.

Inching ahead persistently from the opening, the market closed around the day's best level and 21 to 30 points net higher. Opening prices were off 3 to up 16 points. New Orleans closed up 22 to 29 points.

Further unwanted heavy rains and unseasonably cool temperatures over wide sections of the south, aroused new concern over the late crop start and brought in a trade buying and covering movement.

Most new crop deliveries rose to new seasonal highs, scoring gains up to $1.50 a bale. South Texas points said the crop is up to a good stand, but rains delayed planting. In the southeast, the crop is two to three weeks late.

The American cotton shippers federation has recommended that the futures market be changed to permit ⅞-inch deliver. It recommended, however, that the change be made slowly, and proposed a both of more acreage and competitive pricing of cotton for both domestic and foreign use.

Raw cotton exports today totalled 74,872 bales, bringing total for the season to 4,329,231 bales, vs 5,940,236 bales last year, according to the New York Cotton Exchange.

Month	Volume	Open interest
May	9,600	44,300
July	8,800	198,700
Oct.	10,000	231,900
Dec.	7,700	190,100
Mar.	7,200	139,100
May	7,200	155,700
July	17,300	101,100
Oct.	25,600	40,500
Total	93,400	1,101,400 bales

NEW YORK

Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows:
Spot: 36.05n; May: 35.92; July: 36.36; Oct: 36.87; Dec: 37.03; Mar: 37.33; May: 37.32; July: 36.59; Oct: 35.19-20.

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows:
Spot: 34.95; May: 35.88; July: 36.85; Oct: 37.05; Dec: 37.28; Mar: 37.29; May: 37.20; July: 36.57; Oct: 35.20.

LIVERPOOL

Cotton future closings, in pence per lb. were as follows:
American Contract: May/June: 25.; July/Aug: 25.38; Oct/Nov: 25.95; Dec/Jan: 26.30; Mar/Apr: 26.66.
Mixed Contract: May/June: 25.77; July/Aug: 26.30; Oct/Nov: 26.70; Dec/Jan: 27.; Mar/Apr: 27.30.

SAO PAULO

Cotton futures closings were all unquoted.

In the United States, the average price of one-inch cotton at 14 designated spot markets was 34.65 cents.

Total sales at these markets were 14,916 bales.—United Press.

TUNG OIL IMPORTS

Washington, Apr. 28.

President Eisenhower today imposed the same import quota on tung nuts as now exists for imports of tung oil which he set last September.

Tung oil is used as an ingredient in paint.

Acting by proclamation, the President adopted the unanimous recommendation of the U.S. tariff commission on tung nuts.

The President found that imports of tung nuts would interfere or render ineffective the Agriculture Department's price support programme for tung nut and tung oil.

White House officials said that Argentina and Paraguay exported large amounts of tung nuts to this country.—United Press.

The New York Stock Market

New York, Apr. 28.

Profit-taking took a toll in the stock market, bringing irregularity and reduced turnover. Firm most of the session, the market turned down for an average loss right near the close when declines of around a point appeared in leaders such as American Telephone, General Electric, Standard Oil of California and Jersey Standard.

Rails and utilities were a bit easier throughout the session.

Volume, topping the 3,000,000-share mark on Friday when the market moved to its best levels of the year in the general average, dropped sharply to 2,400,000 shares.

The general run of leading issues was neglected as traders switched attention to some recently quiet groups—papers and building stocks—and to special issues.

Activity centred in Royal Dutch, Shell Transport, Servel, El Paso Natural Gas, Textron, B. T. Babbitt, General Motors, Transamerica Jersey Standard, American Motors, Chrysler, Bethlehem Steel, US Steel, Ford and American Telephone, in that order.

Some of the shares' losses—around a point or more in Amerada, Atlantic Refining, Standard of California, Jersey Standard. The last, after the market close, reported sharply lower first quarter earnings.

Of a total 1,190 issues traded 441 were higher, 492 lower.

American Stock Exchange sales today dipped to 710,000 shares from 810,000 shares traded on Friday.

New York Stock Exchange volume today totalled $5,010,000 as against $5,400,000 on Friday.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 industrials	454.51
20 rails	110.58
15 utilities	77.35
65 stocks	157.01
40 bonds	89.89
Comm. future price index	150.14

Pacific Gas & Elec.	55⅞
Pan American Airways	14⅛
Paramount Pictures	36⅛
Parke Davis Co.	78¾
Penny J. C. Co.	93¾
Penn. Salt Co.	51
Philip Morris	50⅛
Procter & Gamble Co.	60¾
Pittsburgh Plate Glass	75¼
Publicker Industries	7⅜
Pure Oil	34¼
Radio Corporation	32¼
Radio Corp. Pref.	74½
Republic Steel	40⅞
Reynolds Metal	38¾
Sears, Roebuck & Co.	30⅝
Shell Oil Co.	70⅛
Saint Reg. Paper	32½
Sinclair Oil	53⅜
Socony Mobiloil	51
Solar Aircraft	16⅞
South Puerto Rico Sugar	27⅞
Southern Co. (The)	20
Southern National Gas	39⅛
Southern Railway (Com.)	37⅝
Standard Brands	52⅛
Standard Oil of Cal.	48⅞
Standard Oil of Ind.	42⅞
Standard Oil of N.J.	54⅞
Steep Rock (Toronto Exge.)	8
Sterling Drug Co.	30½
Stokely-Van Camp.	13
Studebaker-Packard Corp.	4⅝
Sunshine Mining	7⅝
Swift & Co.	34⅝
Texas Co.	60⅞
Textron Inc.	10
Tide Water A'ro. Oil	21⅞
Time Inc.	60
Twentieth Century Fox Film	26⅞
Union Carbide	86⅞
Union Oil of Cal.	46⅞
Union Pacific Railway	28⅞
United Aircraft	57⅞
United Gas Corp.	32⅛
U.S. Foil "B"	26⅞
U.S. Gypsum	75¾
U.S. Line Co.	28½
U.S. Rubber	32⅞
U.S. Smelting	34
U.S. Steel	59⅞
Warner Bros.	19
Westinghouse Electric	58⅞
Western Union Tel. Co.	18
West Va. Pulp & Paper	34
Woolworth	44⅞

—United Press.

Closing Prices

Alden Inc. Acy.	$20½
Allied Chemicals	74⅛
Allied Mills Inc.	32⅞
Allis Chalmers	22⅞
Am. Brake Shoe	34⅞
American Airline	17¼
American Cable & Radio Corp.	4⅞
American Cyanamid Co.	45⅝
Amer. & Forgn. Power	14⅛
Am. Gas & Electric	44⅞
Am. Mach. & F'dry.	34⅞
American Metal	20⅞
American Smelting	44⅞
Am. Sugar Ref.	28⅞
American Tel & Tel	175⅞
American Tob. "B"	86⅛
Anaconda Copper	44⅞
Armco Steel	44⅞
Armour	14⅞
Atlas Cons. Mining	1¼
Baldwin-Lima-Ham.	11¼
Baltimore & Ohio	26⅞
Beneficial Finance	22⅞
Bendix Aviation Corp.	46⅞
Benguet Cons.	1⅛
Bethlehem Steel	39½
Boeing Airplane	40⅝
Borden (The) Co.	60
Burroughs And Machine	30⅛
Campbell Soup Co.	39⅛
Canadian Pacific R.	24⅞
Case (J. I.) Co.	17⅛
Cat. Tractor	59¾
Celanese Corp.	15¾
C.I.T. Financial Corp.	50⅛
Chrysler Motors	44⅞
Cluett Peabody	44⅝
Colgate-Palmolive Co.	60⅝
Colombian Carbon Co.	30⅞
Commercial Credit	52⅞
Commonwealth Elec.	27⅛
Consolidated Edison	54⅝
Continental Oil of Del.	49⅛
Crown Zellerbach	46⅞
Cuban Amer. Sugar	22
Diamond Alkali	30⅛
Diamond Match Co.	30½
Douglas Aircraft	57⅛
Dow Chemicals	56⅛
Dupont de Nemours	178⅛
Eastern Airline	32⅞
Eastman Kodak	107
El Paso National Gas	31¾
Family Finance Corp.	23
Firestone Tyre & Rubber	94⅞
Ford Motor	39⅝
General Electric	58⅞
General Foods	56⅞
General Motors	37⅛
Gen. Pub. Util.	43⅞
Getty Oil	25
Glidden Co.	29¾
Goodrich (B. F.) Co.	57
Goodyear Tyre	73⅞
Gulf Oil	114
Heyden Newport Corp.	12⅞
Homestake Mining Co.	42⅞
Ingersoll-Rand	82⅞
Inland Steel Co.	78⅞
Interchemical Corp.	37⅞
Int'l Business Machines	352⅞
Int'l Harvester	30⅞
International Nickel	72
International Paper	92⅞
Int'l Tel & Tel	34
John-Manville Co.	38⅛
Kennecott Copper	83⅞
Liggett Meyers Tob. Co.	72⅞
Lockheed Aircraft	44⅞
Loews Incorp.	14⅞
Lone Star Cement Co.	31⅛
Lowenstein & Sons	13⅞
McDonnell Aircraft (Am. Stock Exge.)	26⅞
Mesabi Iron Corp.	31¼
Minnesota Mining	72⅞
Mission Development	20⅞
Monsanto Chemical Co.	30
Montgomery Ward	35¾
Motorola Inc.	36⅞
National Cash Reg. "A"	56⅞
National Dairy Prod.	43⅞
National Lead	86
National Steel Corp.	49⅞
New York Central	15⅞
Olin Mathieson	35⅞
Otis Elevators	52⅞
Owen-Illinois Glass	68
Oxford Paper Co.	50½

US RUBBER CONSUMPTION

Washington, Apr. 28.

The Commerce Department reported today that United States consumption of rubber in March 1958 totalled 104,231 tons, of which 37,591 was natural rubber.

This compared with February 1958 consumption of 100,941 tons, of which 36,711 was natural.

United States production of synthetic during March was 83,641 tons. Stocks on hand at the end of March, exclusive of the government stockpile. Totalled 322,331 tons, of which 112,863 tons were natural.—United Press.

London Metal Prices

London, Apr. 28.

Prices of metals closed today in sterling per long ton as follows:

	Buyers	Sellers
Tin spot	732½	733
3-month	735	736
Copper spot	178	178¼
3-month	179¾	180
Lead 2nd half		
April	74¼	74½
July	74½	74¾
Zinc 2nd half		
April	63¼	63½
July	63½	63¾

—United Press.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

London, Apr. 28.

The stock market closed fractionally lower today on moderately active trading.

Gilt-edged securities eased after a firm opening.

Despite a late rally by oil issues the list failed to regain all its lost ground and ended with fractional losses.

With the exception of tobaccos which scored moderate gains, the industrial section closed lower.

Copper stocks finished mostly unchanged while gold shares eased.

German bonds were firm but Greek issues declined moderately.

Dollar stocks were higher reflecting Friday's strong Wall Street showing.—United Press.

Singapore Stocks

Singapore, Apr. 29.

Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

	Opening
Batu Lintang Rubber Co. Ltd.	$1.70
British Borneo Petroleum Syndicate	47/6d
Consolidated Tin Smelters Ord.	47/-
Fraser & Neave Ltd. Ord.	$2.50
Fraser & Neave 7½% cum. pref.	$4.03
Gammons (Malaya) Limited	$2.20
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	$430
Hongkong Tin Ltd.	5/-
Kumpar Ltd.	$1.55
Kuala Kampar Tin	20/6d
Lunas Rubber Estates Ltd.	$1.05
Malayan Breweries	$2.52½*
New Serandah Rubber Co. Ltd.	$2.47½
Petaling Tin Ltd.	$1.67½
Raffles Hotel	$2.02½
Singapore Cold Storage	$0.54
Straits Trading	$1.60†
Steamship	$0.00
United Engineers Ord.	$0.92½
Wearne Bros.	$3.07½

* cdi. † cdeb.—China Mail Special.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollar (per $1)	6.00
Sterling notes (per £1)	16.10
Australian notes (per £1)	12.45
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	8.95
Siam tical (per 100)	20.35
Singapore (Straits)	1.90

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately $566,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions were:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
BANKS			
HK Bank	700	703	10 @ 703
INSURANCES			
Union	73	75	
SHIPPING			
Wheelock	6.05	6.15	2000 @ 6.10
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf		110	
Dock		43.50	
Provident (O)	11.20	11.40	
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	17.90	18	600 @ 18; 1000 @ 17.90
HK Land	32.25	32.50	3400 @ 32.25
Realty	1.50	1.55	
RUBBER			
Amalg.	1.30	1.325	15,000 @ 1.325
Trust	1.20	1.275	
A. Tawah	1.05		
UTILITIES			
Tram	24	24.20	500 @ 24; 500 @ 24.10; 200 @ 24.10
Star Ferry	110		
Yaumati	94.50		201 @ 95
C. Light (O)	17.60	17.70	3000 @ 17.70; 1000 @ 17.70; 345 @ 17.60; 100 @ 17.70
Electric	26.40	26.70	1000 @ 26.50; 3720 @ 26.50
Telephone	26.20	26.30	1600 @ 26.30; 1000 @ 26.20; 500 @ 26.30; 203 @ 26.30
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	20.40		
Dairy XD	16	16.20	1000 @ 16.10; 1000 @ 16.10; 500 @ 16.00
Watson	10.60	11	
Lane, Craw	15.50	16.10	
COTTONS			
Textiles	4.50	4.60	
INVESTMENTS			
Yangtsze	5.20		
Allied		4.40	
Sungala	170	185	
Sh. Dock	90		500

NEW YORK RUBBER MARKET

New York, Apr. 28.

Rex rubber futures today closed 5 to 20 points lower with sales of 57 contracts.

May	25.30
July	25.35
Sept.	25.35
Nov.	25.35
Jan.	25.25
Mar.	25.25
May	25.25

Market ruled quiet and easier in company with the London market, although selling lacked the persistency apparent late last week. Dealers and other trade interests absorbed a reduced volume of commission house selling.

In the shipment market around 200 tons of Singapore type "C" blankets were reported done at 19½ cents, cost and freight, May shipment. Otherwise factory and other consumer interest was flat. Spot No. 1 Rss was quoted at 25½ cents, nominal.

With the wintering period over, and the Indonesian situation quieting down, Commodity Research Bureau today said: "Unless some new bolstering element is injected into the picture, rubber prices may have difficulty in holding."

SINGAPORE

With overseas markets down over the weekend the market slipped on federation and local liquidation.

At low levels short-covering held prices at around 73 cents level, and lower sheet and off-grade showed no signs of narrowing even on this decline.

Futures:

No. 1 rubber per lb.	May	72⅞-73⅛
	June	72¾-73
No. 2 rubber per lb.	May	68½-69½
No. 3	"	64½-64¾
No. 4	"	62-63
Spot rubber unbaled		72⅞-73⅜
Planket crepe		56-58
No. 1 pale crepe		75½-77½

LONDON

The rubber market was steady at the decline with spot at 21-13/16 pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 Rss spot	21¾-21⅞
Settlement house term:	
May	21¾-21⅞
June	21¾-22
July/Aug.	21¾-22
Oct/Dec.	21⅞-22
Jan/Mar.	21⅞-22
General markets, cif basis, ports:	
May	21⅝-21¾
June	21⅝-21¾
Estate crepe thin May	23⅛
thick	unquoted

—United Press.

New York Metal Futures

New York, Apr. 28.

Prices of metal futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

Lead	May	11.05b
	July	11.14b
Zinc	May	9.74b
	July	8.00b
Copper	May	23.07b
	July	23.27b
Tin	May	93.25b
	July	93.87b

—United Press.

Textile Experiments In Szechwan

London, Apr. 28.

Local textile undertakings in all parts of China, are experimenting in the extraction of textile fibres from hitherto untried plants, the New China News agency said today.

The Szechwan Province textile industry has succeeded in making about 20 kinds of fibre, using wild hemp, the bark of the mulberry tree, cotton stalks and other plants.

They are of good quality and better than cotton in sheen and dyeing. Some are superior to cotton in their tensile quality, the agency said.

Many of the plants were formerly used by the peasants as fuel.

Knitted wear and other textiles have been made from these fibres, in some cases by mixing them with cotton.

New Mills are being set up by local governments and agricultural co-operatives to extract fibres from formerly unused plants.

Twenty one provinces and cities in various parts of China have sent delegates to Szechwan to study their methods.—Reuter.

London Foreign Exchange

London, Apr. 28.

Closing rates were:

New York	2.81-11/16-2.81-13/16
Montreal	2.73-1/16-2.73-3/16
Brussels	139.52½-139.57½
Copenhagen	19.34⅜-19.34⅞
Frankfurt	1746-1746½
Paris	1176½-1177
Stockholm	14.50⅜-14.50⅝
Zurich	12.24¾-12.25

Others unchanged.—United Press.

Note: New York exchange rates were all unchanged.

New York Sugar Market

New York, Apr. 28.

World No. 4 sugar futures closed today one point higher to three points lower with sales of 148 contracts.

The domestic No. 6 sugar contracts closed one point higher with sales of 94 contracts.

Both markets ruled quiet on a routine trade while dealers awaited raw market developments.

China reportedly resold to Ceylon one of the cargoes of raw sugar it bought from Cuba last week.

Contract No. 4 (world)

May: 3.42; July: 3.42; Sept: 3.43; Oct: 3.39; March: 3.40; May: 3.40; July: 3.40; Sept: unq.; Spot-(cents per lb. fob Cuba): 3.44.

Open interest: 6,539 contracts.

Contract No. 6 (domestic)

July: 5.76; Sept: 5.79; Nov: 5.77; Spot-(cents per lb. cif NY ex-duty): 5.75.

Open interest: 2,102 contracts.—United Press.

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"SINGAPORE"	10th May	21st June
"CARTHAGE"	20th May	30th June

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LANCASHIRE URGED TO BE FAIR

Economic Expert Sent To Investigate Colony's Cotton Industry

London, Apr. 28.

Following the lively discussions, which have taken place in the Financial Times and in British textile circles regarding the exports of Hongkong grey cloth to Britain, the Imperialist British Daily Express has sent its economic expert to Hongkong to carry out an on-the-spot investigation.

Today, F. Ellis writes from Hongkong under the headline—"Be Fair, Lancashire."

He said, "Mill owners in this British Colony are angry about suggestions by Lancashire cotton interests that Empire preference should be withdrawn from Hongkong-made cotton goods entering Britain.

Earnings

"Lancashire bases its attacks on starvation wages and slave conditions in Hongkong mills, allowing them to undercut Lancashire. A Lancashire-born and trained mill-owner told me today that the textile workers are among the highest paid in the Colony.".

He said, "Cotton workers in Hongkong earn about £7 a month but get free lodging, subsidised meals and advantages such as free medical treatment. This raises wages to around £12 10s a month.

"You cannot compare Hongkong living standards with Britain. What would Lancashire say if the Canadians or Americans demanded cuts in British exports until living standards and wages in Lancashire had been raised to North American standards."

The writer continued, "Hongkong's cotton industry is tiny compared with the vast mills of Lancashire. There are only 33,000 spindles equal to but a single spinning combine in Lancashire. But the mills work round the clock. The Chinese workers have rejected an offer to cut the shifts. In Britain, only a single unit is worked with the weekend off.

"Tonight every spindle in Hongkong is turning. To gain the advantage of Empire preference the Hongkong mills must satisfy severe British customs regulations. Other Hongkong businessmen pointed out that Hongkong is buying much more from Britain than it ships home. And they are worried too about the threat from the European free trade plan."

Scrapping Plant

Ellis was told by another Hongkong mill owner "if the European free trade plan goes through it will hit us badly. But we are not squealing about it like Lancashire. We are not sitting down and doing nothing about it."

Ellis concluded, "The mills in Hongkong are scrapping old plant machinery—some of it only installed in 1948—and re-equipping with the latest machines. The mill owners will fight the free trade threat by increasing efficiency and lowering costs."—France-Presse.

LACK OF MUTUALITY IN TARIFF ARRANGEMENTS

London, Apr. 28.

Conservative MP Mr Charles Fletcher-Cooke, complained in the House of Commons tonight about the "complete lack of mutuality" in tariff and quota arrangements between Britain and India and other Commonwealth countries.

Referring to the imports into Britain of Hongkong gloves, he said it would be much kinder to say a limit should be set now, when it was known a limit would have to be set some time.

It was "not good enough" for Government to say it hoped to do this by agreement.

"You don't get agreement with able businessmen like the Chinese in Hongkong unless you have some cards to play," he said.

Debate

"If you disembarrass yourself of all your cards and say under no circumstances will we take government action on this, then, of course, you will not get agreement."

Mr Fletcher-Cooke was speaking in a debate on Commonwealth economic affairs.

Sir John Barlow, another Conservative, said the forthcoming talks between India, Pakistan and Lancashire representatives about exports to Britain of grey cloth might indicate the first solution of problems between Britain, the Dominions and the Colonies.

But these representatives from the East should not think they could "take the whole of our textile market at home from us, let alone all our export markets."

Mr Cuthbert Alport, Under-Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, said the President of the Board of Trade, Sir David Eccles, had emphasised that the Government attached the greatest importance to the principle of Commonwealth free entry and intended to preserve it.

Mr Alport went on: "But the Government has over the last few months encouraged the cotton industry to initiate discussions with the Indian and Pakistan industries with a view to the possibility of some scheme of voluntary limitation.

"Conversations between representatives of these countries are due to start in London. I join with members in hoping that these discussions are successful."

He was "quite convinced" that Pakistan and India were fully aware of the problems which this particular subject created for the Lancashire cotton industry.—Reuter.

PYTHON LEAVES

Hongkong's unique visitor, the white python that is called "Serata" or "Miss Swissair", which had attracted huge crowd of admirers during her short stay here, left by Swissair this morning for Bangkok.

Her owner, Mr Peter R. Ryhiner, estimated this morning that Serata's admirers in Hongkong numbered more than 100,000.

Mr Ryhiner said he would be returning to Hongkong with other smaller animals in the future. He thought that as Hongkong had no Zoo, the population here, specially the children, would appreciate seeing small animals.

Girl Injured

A nine-year-old girl, Wu Wah-ying, of Wong Chuk Hang Village, was knocked down and injured by a bicycle on a path near her home yesterday evening. The girl is being treated at Queen Mary Hospital.

MURDER TRIAL

WITNESS DESCRIBES STRUGGLE

Mrs Tao Fung, a Prosecution witness in a murder trial, told Mr Justice A. D. Scholes in the Criminal Sessions this morning that she saw a struggle between Lam Shung-ming, alias Lim Ching-man (the accused), and her dead husband, Lam Siu-ming before last Christmas.

Accused, 43, unemployed, was alleged to have had a quarrel with the deceased on December 19, following which accused took a knife and murdered Lam Siu-ming, otherwise known as James Ling, at his residence, No. 3 Lancashire Road, Kowloon Tong.

Representing the accused, is Mr H. L. Hu, instructed by Messrs d'Almada and Mason. Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, who is assisted by Divisional Det.-Insp. F. Indge-Buckingham, is prosecuting.

HEARD NOISE

Continuing her testimony from yesterday, Mrs Tao said when she heard a noise and came out of her room on December 19, she saw her husband and accused embracing each other in a fight. Then she heard her husband say, "Don't come near. He has a knife in his hand."

Witness stated that she did go up to them and caught hold of her husband to seperate him from the accused. Then she felt a pain in her body and later saw blood dripping from her right shoulder.

At that time, accused ran from the corridor to another room, witness said. She saw her son, Mason, beaten up at the back. Then her husband rushed out from her bedroom holding a bamboo bedside lamp, with which, she said, her husband hit the accused. Later she found her husband lying on the top of the accused; on top of her husband was her servant, named Ah Hing.

PHONE POLICE

Then she said her husband called out to her to "dial 999 quickly." The Police and the ambulance arrived shortly afterwards and took the witness, her son and husband to the hospital.

Shown a triangular file, witness said she first saw it when her servant named Ah Ho produced to the Police.

In answer to the Court, she stated that when her husband warned her, "Don't come near. He has a knife in his hand", accused did not say anything and did not make a denial.

Cross-examined, witness said that she only knew that accused and her husband were classmates in their school days.

Defence Counsel: You know that in 1946 to 1947 your husband and the accused were both doing smuggling business?

Witness: I know he was a businessman, a proper businessman. I never knew that he was doing smuggling business.

IN ARMY

Asked if witness knew accused was a colonel in the army at that time, she replied that she only knew he was working in the army.

Witness denied that her husband and accused were very intimate friends.

Hearing is proceeding.

Boy Arrested

A Chinese boy is being held following the snatching of a purse from another lad outside the Ray Theatre, Western District, yesterday.

General Sir Francis Festing inspecting a Guard of Honour drawn from the 1st Bn The East Lancashire Regiment at Kai Tak this morning prior to his departure for the United Kingdom.—Staff Photographer.

DRUG CASE

DOCUMENTS PRODUCED IN COURT

Various godown documents were identified this morning in the case of an Indian and a Chinese charged with conspiracy and possession of dangerous drugs before Judge H. H. B. How at the Victoria District Court.

The accused are Mohindra Verma, 30, of 11B-1 Macdonnell Road, and Pui Sai-hung, 35, unemployed, of 173 Wing Lok Street West, second floor.

The two are alleged to have conspired between October last year and February 22 this year to deal in opium and to have possessed 1,076 pounds of the drug on February 22.

The Crown case is that the opium was concealed in bales of cotton shipped to Hongkong on three occasions between October and February.

Verma is represented by Mr John McNeill, QC, and Mr V.L.J. D'Alton, instructed by P. L. Lam and Co. Pui is defended by Mr Richard Winter, instructed by Hastings and Co.

GODOWN WARRANT

Mr D. E. Greenfield and Mr D. G. Willis, both Crown Counsel, are prosecuting.

Chan Shu-man, book-keeper of the Nam Lai Loong Godown, West Point, testified that a document shown to him was a copy of a godown warrant. The original of the warrant, he said, was issued by his godown to the Wo Tai Hong firm.

Handed another document, witness identified it as a godown form, bearing a specimen signature and chop of the Wo Tai Hong. The representative of this firm who came to the godown to store the goods mentioned in the warrant affixed the signature and chop to that document.

Chan said the document was chopped and signed in his presence.

Asked by the Judge if the person who did this was a Chinese, witness said he was, but he added he would not be able to recognise the man again, as he himself was engaged in accounts work at the time.

The next witness was O Mung-wa, manager of the godown. Witness identified a document shown to him as a duplicate of a godown warrant. The writing on it was made by him. He used a carbon paper when writing on the original.

DID NOT KNOW

O said the purpose of the original was that it should be given to the person who deposited goods in his godown, to prove that the goods were in fact stored there. The copy of the warrant was kept by him (witness).

Cross-examined by Mr McNeill, O said he himself did not personally examine the goods that were mentioned in the warrant as cotton. On the day he made the entries, he did not know anything about the goods other than what was mentioned in the warrant.

Hearing is proceeding.

Gen. Festing Leaves

F.E. COMMANDER BIDS FAREWELL

General Sir Francis Festing said before leaving the Colony this morning that "Hongkong is very importantly concerned with military affairs in this part of the world."

The former Commander-in-Chief, Far East Land Forces, is proceeding to London to assume his new post as Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

He has been in Hongkong for the past few days, making a farewell tour of the army units stationing in the Colony.

Before boarding a RAF Hasting that will first take him to Tokyo on his way to the United Kingdom, General Festing told newsmen this morning that it was always a sad occasion to say goodbye to Hongkong as the Colony seemed to him like his second home.

The General added that this was the third time that Hongkong had come under his military command and he hoped to return one day as he found the Colony very stimulating, full of life, full of enterprise and vitality.

A Tonic

"The people here are always wanting to forge ahead and this is like a tonic to me," Sir Francis said, adding that he wished to bid farewell to his many friends in the Colony once again.

About his departure this morning, General Festing recalled his first experience in 1947 when he "left" the Colony by a flying boat. The plane failed to take off and this necessitated his subsequent "disappearance and hiding" in the New Territories for 24 hours to impress that he had really departed! As he boarded the Hasting, he said he hoped this time history would not repeat itself.

Guard Of Honour

Before leaving this morning, General Festing inspected the Guard of Honour drawn from the 1st Bn The East Lancashire Regiment under the command of Major M.L.D. Shewes-Cox. The Regimental Colour was carried by Lieut L.F.E. Fitzpatrick Robertson. The Batallion's Band and Drums were also on parade.

Economic Planning

Mr Alvin H. Hansen, Lucius N. Littauer, Professor of Political Economy (Emeritus), Harvard University, who is at present visiting the Colony, will address the Economics Society, University of Hongkong on "Economic Planning in USA and India" tomorrow at 5.15 p.m. in Room 239, 2nd floor, University Main Building.

Members of the public are cordially invited.

House Theft

Property valued at $340 was stolen from No. 14, Hoi Ping Road, fifth floor, yesterday afternoon.

Ships Fired On By Accident

Tokyo, Apr. 29.

The US Army reported today that a Japanese cable repair ship, under contract to the US Army, and an American mine sweeper "accidentally" came under anti-aircraft fire on Monday off the Korean coast.

The Army said that the 1,850-ton Chiyoda Maru, hired for the repair of a submarine cable between Japan and Korea, and her escort, the mine sweeper USS Phoebe, reported receiving fire from the vicinity of Pusan about 4 p.m. Monday.

The Army said that two shells were reported to have struck the water near the ships but no casualties or damage were reported from either vessel.

"Investigation by the United States Army indicates that the fire had come from a Korean anti-aircraft artillery unit in the Pusan area engaged in target practice at a sleeve target towed behind an airplane," said the Army in a special announcement.—United Press.

Women Strike

Seoul, Apr. 29.

Students at Sukmyung Women's University here went on strike in an effort to force the resignation of the University President, Mrs Im Sook Jai.

The school's student management committee voted to back a University Foundation recommendation that Mrs Im resign from her position because of old age and poor health. She has refused to accept the Foundation's recommendation.—United Press.

Visit Studio

London, Apr. 28.

Prince Charles and Princess Anne visited a British Broadcasting Corporation television studio here today to watch the televising for a children's programme.

The Queen's children had driven from Windsor Castle and were accompanied by members of the Royal Household.

During the visit, Prince Charles handled a television camera, was playfully pecked by a cockatoo, and tried his hand at a violin and cello.—Reuter.

Pen Stolen

A fountain pen was stolen from a European yesterday whilst he was walking in Nanking Street, near Nathan Road.

Drug Trafficker Says He Paid Off Police

A self-confessed heroin trafficker alleged in the Criminal Sessions this morning that the first accused (a police sub-inspector) demanded $60 from him because he was selling heroin, and that after some bargaining he offered $40 which was accepted.

Lo Kong-tin was testifying before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg and a Jury of five men and two women during the trial of a police sub-inspector, three constables and a broker, charged with conspiracy to obtain periodic payments from persons dealing in dangerous drugs.

The witness declared that this sum of $40 was paid on four different occasions to alleged agents of the first accused.

On Trial

On trial are Au Ping-yan, 22, police sub-inspector, Tse Shiu-ming, 27, police constable, Chau Ling-kwan, 24, police constable, Cheung Wai, 27, police constable, and Chu Cham, 36, broker.

It was stated that the first accused was officer in charge of the Dangerous Drugs Squad at Eastern Police Station and the three constables were attached to the Squad.

The Hon. Leo D'Almada Q.C., and Mr Patrick Yu, instructed by Peter Mo and Co., are appearing for the first accused.

The other accused are represented by Mr V. L. J. D'Alton and Mr Terence Shurlock, instructed by Hastings and Co.

Mr Stewart Collier, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Sub-Insp. R. B. Bayless, appears for the prosecution.

Carpenter

Lo Kong-tin said he was formerly a carpenter and then became a heroin seller. He was arrested by first accused in July 1957 and convicted and fined $100 for selling heroin.

Witness said that after leaving prison a man with a long face took him to a cafe where he met the first accused. He alleged that first accused demanded $60 from him "because I was selling heroin." He offered $30, saying business was poor.

Witness further alleged that first accused then told him that even if approached by an ordinary policeman he (witness) would have offered $1 and that an inspector "rated higher."

After that he offered first accused $10 more which was accepted, witness said. He added that first accused then told him to pay to any person who said he came from the Inspector.

Five days later a man called and he asked his fokl Leung Sik to pay $10. This man was paid twice.

The third occasion it was the third accused who came, saying he was from Inspector Au (first accused). He was given $10 on two occasions.

In cross-examination, witness said he had a nickname which was Tau Sah.

Witness admitted he had three previous convictions in connection with smoking opium and taking heroin.

Mr d'Almada: So that you not only deal in this commodity you use it.

Witness: Yes, all along I have been taking heroin.

By way of a change you take opium now and again? — Yes, because I have some discomfort with my breathing.

Witness further admitted that in 1946 he was convicted for assault causing bodily harm and sentenced to one month. He said that the man "kicked my wife on that occasion."

He disagreed that he embellished his story in the witness box as against that which he gave in the Police court. He said that the reason why certain statements he had made in the witness box were not recorded in the deposition was probably because he was speaking in a low voice—he was in ill-health—and he was not heard by the interpreter.

Would Not Do

Witness agreed that he himself had never handed money over personally. He passed the money to his foki Leung Sik who then paid the caller. He was present when such payments were made.

The money was held by his wife and after he had obtained the required sum from her he gave it to Leung Sik.

Asked by the Court why he did not hand the money over himself, witness said: "That would not do because the usual practice was for Leung Sik to pay this kind of money."

Mr d'Almada: You never handed over any money to anybody yourself?

Witness: Correct. Because I have no power as I was a drug addict with a great yearning for drugs.

And for lies?—I never lied! I suggest that this evidence of yours of your meeting the first accused is completely untrue.—Every word is true.

True Version

And that whatever payments you might have made to anybody had no connection whatsoever with the first accused.—I have not lied at all in this Court. I have given a true version.

Hearing is continuing.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

"Before I promise to marry you, Darryl, I have a big secret to confess—deep down inside I'm the brainy type!"

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